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Near kidnappings were a hoax

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It now turns out that the two incidents of alleged kidnapping attempts on Saipan were just a case of chil-

dren crying wolf.

In a story that brings to mind the Aesop fable about the boy who faked a story about a wolf attack, the Department of Public Safety recently found out that the two attempted kidnapping cases in Dandan that were reported to the police earlier this month never really happened, that

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'DLNR enforcement at OCM an OPA requirement'

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Five years after the Office of the Public Auditor released its finding that the Department of Land and

Natural Resources' lack of enforcement made it easy for vessels to illegally berth at the Outer Cove Marina, DLNR is finally taking action.

By the end of January, boats without power and engines will be

removed, and then next month, by Feb. 27, all boats without berthing permit will also be removed.

Based on the regulations, boat owners would have to pay a month-

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CROWN JEWEL

Tourists take to the waters of Managaha Island and take part in watersport activities over the weekend. The island remains one of the most sought-after tourist destinations in the Commonwealth and is a beehive of activity on most days.

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CUC asks for \$1.3M more, 90-day extension for Aggreko

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Citing a need for more time to overhaul two power engines, the Com-

monwealth Utilities Corp. has asked the CUC board to approve a 90-day extension to the original 90-day contract for Aggreko to provide temporary power while CUC's generator

engines are being overhauled and repaired.

CUC executive director Gary P. Camacho disclosed in an interview yesterday that the additional 90 days

may cost CUC an estimated \$1.3 million more to pay Aggreko. This is on top of the original \$1.5 million that has already been approved for the project.

Camacho said the board will discuss the 90-day extension further at a

meeting tomorrow, Thursday.

With the possible additional \$1.3 million for the extension, CUC now needs over \$6 million for the emergency repair and overhaul of power engines at Power Plant 1 in Lower

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Senator hopes cannabis, hemp will ignite economy

The chairman of the Senate Committee on Gaming and Cannabis is pinning his hopes on cannabis and hemp in sparking some much-needed economic activity in the CNMI.

Which is why Sen. Vinson Sablan (Ind-Saipan) looks forward to the Commonwealth Cannabis Commission finally releasing the regulations that would govern the production and use of marijuana and hemp in the Commonwealth.

“We are pushing forward with the [Commonwealth] Cannabis Commission completing the regulations,” Sablan said. “Also...hopefully we can get some economic activity with the hemp industry.”

The use of marijuana has been made legal in the CNMI, with the Cannabis Commission currently completing the regulations for homegrown, commercial, and medicinal marijuana.

“As far as cannabis, we’re hoping that we can spark some economic activity. Hopefully, we get a rise in tourism with that, so we’ll see. It’s a new industry so we’re just going along, crossing our fingers

and...doing the work that has to be done to ensure that we make it on the right path,” Sablan said.

As for hemp, House Bill 21-55, or the “Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Hemp Farming Industry Act of 2019,” which is authored by Rep. Marco T. Peter (R-Saipan), is currently sitting in the Senate, awaiting a decision. The bill unanimously passed the House of Representatives in October last year.

H.B. 21-55 seeks to reflect the changes in the 2018 Farm Bill, which federally legalized hemp, and which made hemp cultivation legal for licensed growers. Peter’s bill seeks to create regulations for the hemp industry in the CNMI that is in line with federal requirements.

Hemp is a strain of cannabis that has relatively lower concentrations of tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC—the main psychoactive chemical in cannabis.

“Just recently, [hemp] was deemed legal at the federal level so we’re hoping that that would be a big economic boost for us, both import and export. That industry is going to be exciting. Hopefully, it could complement our tourism industry and complement all the other industries that are here,” Sablan added.

He hopes that, once the regulations are done, there will be entrepreneurs that would go into the hemp industry, mostly into extraction of the oils and the medical aspect of hemp.

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Lawmaker caution PSS about its spending

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Despite last week's CNMI Supreme Court opinion of a guaranteed 25% allotment for the Public School System, Rep. Roman Benavente (R-Saipan) says this is no blank check and wants PSS to be cautious with its expenses.

Benavente, who chairs the House Committee on Education, said he supports PSS and is happy that its leaders asserted themselves in insisting that PSS should get 25% of the general revenues of the Commonwealth.

In terms of salaries, though, PSS should be cautious with regards to spending, he added.

"I'd like to...caution PSS with regards to expenditures and even the salaries of employees," he said. "I have nothing against raising salaries for employees but make it... where it's within the scope of the law, and not...supersede the authority of the law."

He pointed out that there were issues in the past relating to salary increases, triggering emotions that led to complaints. "I feel [that PSS should be] more mindful as far as expenditures [are concerned] and how they manage their funding," he added.

Benavente is also very conservative as to what 25% could do for public schools. "It is very hard to tell right now. Because right now, the situation is where we're challenged, with the broken schools and everything."

Benavente said that renovations cost a lot of money. On top of that, PSS would still have to get all the inventories that have to be in place to accommodate the students.

According to the high court opinion, PSS "shall be guaranteed an annual budget of not less than [25%] of the general revenues of the Commonwealth through an annual appropriation."

With PSS' priority set on the restoration of schools, particularly toward ensuring that schools, when they open, are safe and environment-friendly, Benavente

assures that the Legislature will always support the CNMI youth.

"All in all, collectively, I'm happy with the decision

of the court," Benavente said. "I'm looking forward to working together as a community—the school community and us in the

Legislature. We will always be supportive of our future generation. It is everybody's responsibility. ...All of us parents are, more or less,

responsible for their well-being, setting the future."

Last week, legislators pre-filed a bipartisan bill, with support from both the

majority and the minority, that would require and set a schedule in the law for when the Department of Finance would transfer funds to PSS.

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2 more completed sessions for literacy program

The Motherread/Fatheread CNMI Family Literacy Program added two more completion ceremonies late last year with Dandan Head Start Center and William S. Reyes Elementary School.

This was the first Motherread/Fatheread class for Connita Camacho and Soley-Marie Kaipat, who are newly certified teachers in the Motherread/Fatheread Curriculum since the Motherread/Fatheread Institute in August of this year.

William S. Reyes Elementary School had a total of six families complete the Motherread/Fatheread CNMI class. The parents of their class were Glennis Y. Gamboa-Licop, Evelyn Baetiong, Gemabelle Aringo, Man Liu, Yuling “Elaine” Zhou, and Jung Hye Suk.

Nakita Braganza, one of the program’s children’s story exploring instructors and now certified teacher in the Motherread/Fatheread Curriculum, held a fun-filled children’s Story Exploring class with the participating kids from WSRES: Gianna Licop, Sophia Heart Diyco, Samantha Diyco, Slatter Diyco, Shiela Feng, Winnie Wu, Sunny Ma, Albert Cho, and Aubrey Castro.

Dandan Head Start Center was a combination of nine participat-

ing families from other participating Head Start Centers around the island. The parents who completed the class were Keolani Ngracheliong, Francisco Macaranas, Yumi Rabaulman, Betty Koche, Josen Osias, and Joie Osias.

This was also the first class for newly certified story exploring instructor Viola Marie Deleon Guerrero.

The newest children story explorers are Malaena Riley Macaranas, Cleo Masao, Solomon Masao, Jazarra Kelsey Osias, Cassidy Osias, Healani Masaharu, Lucy Norech, Sarah Norech, and Iriana Camacho.

Since the beginning of 2019, over 300 Motherread/Fatheread CNMI classes have been conducted at Saipan, Tinian, and Rota elementary schools, Head Start centers and community programs around the CNMI. Motherread/Fatheread CNMI is a nationally acclaimed community-based program administered by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council. Parents and children learn to use the power of children’s literature to improve their own reading skills, to explore challenging family issues, and to foster empowerment in their daily lives. The program provides opportunities for all parents—regardless

of their educational background or previous experience—to be a reading role model for children by developing their children’s reading, critical thinking, and problem solving skills.

The Motherread/Fatheread Program targets families with parents, but is open to any adult—or grandparent, godparent, sibling, aunt, uncle, etc.—who has a passion for literacy and who is willing to share a first-rate literacy experience with children in their family or community.

While parents attend the adult course, their children (ages 3-11) are invited to participate in a story exploring class. All courses are taught in English with a class offered in Chamorro. All Motherread/Fatheread books are written in English, with some translations in Chamorro, Carolinian, and Spanish. In addition to its curricula, Motherread/Fatheread offers a financial literacy class in partnership with the Bank of Hawaii, as well as, the Eagle Books series—upon availability—which is a series of four books that is used to promote literacy and a healthy lifestyle geared toward diabetes prevention. Venues are held in local libraries, public and private schools, Head Start centers, youth/community

of 90 days.

“With an extension, it lowers the kilowatt hour rate from Aggreko,” said Camacho, citing that Guam went from a one year to five-year contract with Aggreko.

“Although it’s not exactly our cost, at least we are selling the kilowatt-hour being produced. So there some sort of recovery,” he said.

Camacho said they have the quotations provided by one vendor or sole bidder to overhaul power engines 5 and 7.

He said the manufacturer of those engines doesn’t even want to bid because the parts for those engines are obsolete.

Camacho said it will therefore require an additional 90 days for Aggreko.

He said when the Aggreko contract was approved, engine number 6, an 11-megawatt power engine, was not operational.

He said a Man BMW expert, an engineer, came to work with CUC staff in the power generation, and they were able to get that engine operational.

“And that engine is back online. So we do have that reserve capacity right now. Very limited but we have some reserve right now without Aggreko,” he said.

“Engine number 5 is down, and 7 is operational. But when 5 comes back up, number 7 goes down and that’s why the additional 90 days,” Camacho added.

Camacho said when they are done with these overhauls in April, they should have the best overhaul they have at Power Plant for years.

CUC board vice chair Weston Deleon Guerrero asked how far are they after the release of \$6 million and if they are expecting to exceed that amount and come back to the board again for additional funding.

Camacho said they’re beyond half of the \$6 million and that they are indeed expecting to exceed the \$6 million.

centers, juvenile detention/adult correctional facilities, homes, apartments, and private business throughout the CNMI.

The Motherread/Fatheread Program could not continue to thrive without the partnerships it receives from the Northern Marianas Humanities Council, the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, CNMI Public

School System and administration, PSS Head Start Program and administration and participating families.

If you or your organization are interested in participating in the next Motherread/Fatheread class, call or visit the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library at 235-7319/285-2279/783-7678 or email read.cnmi@gmail.com. **(PR)**

HOAX

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there never really was a near-kidnapping incident, and it was all made up.

According to a DPS statement yesterday, the hoax came to light after its investigators looked further into the case and followed up with both callers and victims on the two occasions, during which it was concluded that both reports were false and did not occur, and that the two alleged victims had made up the story.

This was not the first instance where DPS faced a faux near-kidnapping report. Back in 2018, a fourth-grade student from William S. Reyes alerted authorities of an attempted kidnapping that also turned out to be false.

Many community members took to social media to warn others about the alleged near-kidnapping incident at the WSR campus involving the fourth grader back in September 2018.

DLNR

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ly Vessels Berthing Fee that range from \$5 to \$20 per foot, depending on the length of the boat; a \$4 per passenger boarding fee; and a security deposit the cost of a three-month berthing fee.

Amidst complaints from boat owners, one thing is certain—that the DLNR is finally acting on longstanding concern.

DLNR Secretary Anthony Benavente made it clear in an earlier interview that the department is just complying with the regulations that have been in place since 1999, as they are obligated to do so.

OPA report

In its 2015 performance audit on the Outer Cove Marina, OPA found that the “DLNR has made no collection and has not taken any legal action against individuals and business owners who do not have an approved lease but continue to utilize the Outer Cove.”

OPA added that the DLNR has not conducted any enforcement activities, and neither did they issue any citation to those illegally berthing and operating at the cove.

In May 2015, OPA was given an account receivable listing of lessees, with the vessel’s name, and unpaid balances; and upon a week of observation, identified nine vessels actively loading and offloading passengers and/or have remain parked at Outer Cove.

Per DLNR’s records in 2015, a total of \$815,000 stood to be collected from 26 individuals and businesses, the amount of which OPA was unable to verify due to poor “dock usage” documentation. Based on the nine vessels OPA saw, the arrears of these vessels would have amounted to \$576,000.

According to the OPA report, “the

However, upon responding to the incident, DPS found out that the fourth grader had been making up the story the entire time.

In the latest cases, DPS received two separate reports of attempted kidnapping incidents in the village of Dandan on Jan. 10, and 12, with both reports alleging there was a man in a gray/ silver sedan who was trying to lure the children.

Police were dispatched to both scenes, one a bus stop and the other a private residence, and met with the callers to entertain the reports.

Police conducted a thorough sweep within the village and were on the lookout for the suspicious silver/ gray sedan. But, on both occasions, police were unable to find the described vehicle.

DPS still encourages the public to call 911 to report any suspicious vehicles or if there really is a near-kidnapping incident. If you would like to remain anonymous call the CNMI Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272.

lack of enforcement on DLNR’s part results in significant forgone revenues and creates an unfair business advantage for these businesses.”

OPA recommended that “DLNR seek the assistance of the OAG for legal advice and take appropriate action that will ultimately lead to impoundment or removal of vessels if a lease is not approved and the appropriate payments have not been made.”

Rectifying the issues

In the report on the DLNR’s implementation of the audit recommendation released last week, Jan. 15, OPA deems the issue unresolved, and will conduct a follow-up in June 2020.

As a response, the DLNR stated that they have been “working with the OAG to resolve the 2015 findings by OPA of the lack of enforcement, which has allowed for vessels to berth illegally at OCM.”

Further, the report also talked about DLNR’s commitment to notify boat owners without power (or motor) and those who do not comply with the payment of berthing permits on the removal of the vessels.

“OPA has reviewed documentation from DLNR seeking the advice from the Office of the Attorney General in regards to the loading and unloading of passengers as well as the collection of berthing fees but lacks legal advice sought for the impoundment or removal of vessels if a lease is not approved and the appropriate payments have not been made,” the report read.

OPA also revealed that only six of the 25 vessels with waiver forms berthing at the Outer Cove have payment information documentation. OPA, however, commended DLNR in its recent notice to owners regarding the removal of vessels without power.

DLNR issued the notice of eviction on boats that are not paying fees this month.

CUC

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Base and to repay for the Aggreko temporary electric power supply.

Last November, the board approved the release of \$6 million from CUC’s \$12 million restricted account that was reserved to buy a power engine to replace power engine number 8 at CUC’s Power Plant in Lower Base.

The \$6 million was intended for the \$1.5 million 90-day contract with Aggreko; \$300,000 repair of engine number 6; \$2 million for overhaul of power engine number 5; and \$2 million for major overhaul of power engine number 7.

CUC’s original plan was to replenish that \$6 million taken from the restricted account once the Federal Emergency Management Agency reimburses CUC, and that any funds used from that account will be returned.

Camacho brought up the importance of having the 90-day extension for Aggreko during the board meeting last Thursday, during which Camacho said that CUC’s Power Generation Division has been meticulous in maintaining the power engines but that it is increasingly very difficult with 40-year-old power engines that have 26,000 to 28,000 hours of running time.

He said it was this reason why they got the Aggreko in.

Camacho said they had to start from the scratch by finding a location for Aggreko and clear the location. “We have done that,” he said, adding that the Aggreko engines were supposed to arrive last Wednesday, Jan. 15, but encountered a shipping problem coming out of Asia.

Yesterday, he said Aggreko engines arrived over the weekend and will start producing power by Jan. 25. Under the contract, Aggreko was supposed to start producing power last Jan. 15.

At last Thursday’s meeting, Camacho told the board that they have a bit of problem though because originally Aggreko were supposed to have day fuel tanks. He said those fuel tanks must be filled daily.

Camacho said Mobil made it clear that they may not be able to fill those fuel tanks every day, particularly during inclement weather, due to the type of the products they use, or if there is a problem with Mobil’s vehicles or if there are days that they have equipment failure.

Camacho said the problem with that is, if CUC does not receive fuel every day, they will not be able to turn on the Power Plant. “So if we don’t turn on the Power Plant, it’s going to cause severe issues on our grid,” he said.

Camacho said as what CUC did with Aggreko in 2008, CUC was required to find a fuel pipeline to connect to Aggreko’s fuel tank.

Camacho said now what Mobil plans on what they proposed is that they would be able to deliver fuel through the pipeline specifically for Aggreko, and then it would be fueled from that pipeline to Aggreko.

Camacho said Mobil says in that way, regardless of a typhoon or any type of weather, they will always be delivering fuel.

“That’s something that we are doing,” said Camacho, adding that although it wasn’t part of their responsibility, Aggreko is willing to pay half of the installation of a pipeline.

In addition to the fuel pipeline issue, Camacho said the original request that they had put in for Aggreko was 90 days because that was the assumption from the power plant that the overhaul of the power engines would be done in 90 days.

Camacho said since they received the quotations from a vendor for engines number 5 and 7, the problem is there are about 75 days of work for each.

He said this is the reason why he has to request for an extension

PSS to build a new building for Da'ok Academy

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The Board of Education approved the construction of a

new facility for Public School System Da'ok Academy that will be located within the Marianas High School campus. BOE chair Janice Tenorio,

members Marylou Ada, Andrew Orsini, Herman Atalig, and Phillip Mendiola-Long unanimously voted to approve the construction of a brand-

new building for the Da'ok Academy.

The Da'Ok Academy building was completely destroyed by Super Typhoon Yutu in

October 2018, leaving the academy without a permanent facility.

Dr. Yvonne Pangelinan, Public School System associa-

tion commissioner for student and support services, informed the board that the Federal Emergency Management Agency has allocated \$1.7 million for either the renovation or construction of a new Da'ok Academy building. The BOE opted for the construction of a new building.

PSS is now in the process of deciding how many classrooms are needed for the Da'ok Academy.

Aside from classrooms, the new Da'ok Academy facility will include an office for administration, restrooms, and a common area that will double as a cafeteria.

Currently, Da'ok Academy's 45 students are attending classes at the Northern Marianas Technical Institute in Lower Base, which has provided four classrooms for the use of the Da'ok students but they have to vacate NMTI at the end of the instructional day because other programs need to occupy the same classrooms.

Da'ok Academy caters to students who are at risk of not graduating from high school.

Asia Hilario speaks at leadership conference

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Saipan-born Asia Hilario, who was recently honored as its Woman of the Year by a women empowerment organization in South San Francisco in California, continues to make waves after being chosen as one of guest speakers at Imagine Talks.

Hilario was one of the 20 speakers that talked about leadership and life lessons at the 6th annual conference of Imagine Talks this year that was held at the Oakland Asian Cultural Center last Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020.

She shared the stage with celebrities and business people like Mark Dacascos of *John Wick Chapter 3: Parabellum*; JuJu Chan, a Hong Kong born American actress; and Moscow International Ballet Competition gold medalist Miko Fogarty, among others.

Imagine Talks is a fast-growing annual leadership conference known for bringing together successful entrepreneurs, celebrity entertainers, and Asian-American community leaders from around the world.

Hilario, who was named Woman of the Year last year by Women on the Rise, is currently based in San Jose, California. She is a lifestyle blogger advocating women empowerment, mental health, and wellness. She is a crisis counselor for CrisisTextLine, and a brand ambassador for Kuros, an organization whose mission is to enhance the safety and mobility of women around the world.

In an earlier interview, Hilario said that by lifting other women, an entire community and society can elevate. "Women are powerful beings, who can do incredible things, and by empowering them (giving them resources, offering support, encouraging them, educating them, giving them a voice) we can change the world."

Part of her advocacy is trying to break the negative stigma around mental health. "I'm trying to de-stigmatize seeking mental help for those who need it. The more we talk about mental health, the braver people will be to not only seek help, but to speak about it as well. The biggest struggle I've had in the past was feeling like I was alone in



Saipan-born Asia Hilario was chosen to be one of the speakers at Imagine Talks, a leadership conference held last Saturday at Oakland Asian Cultural Center in California. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

my struggles. I want to use my voice to make sure that no one else feels that they're alone in their struggles," she added.

Hilario was born and raised in Kagman II on Saipan and is the daughter of Robert Hilario and Lucille Camacho Hilario. She is the granddaughter of Luis Salas Camacho (familiar

Mang) and Fermina Mendiola Camacho.

"We are all proud of Asia. ...It is her hope to inspire the young people of the CNMI," Lucille Camacho Hilario said in an email.

"It was so cool to see Asia's pictures on the walls of the event, including the wine



A picture of Saipan-born Asia Hilario is featured in a bottle of wine that was one of the giveaways at the Imagine Talks leadership conference last Saturday at Oakland Asian Cultural Center in California. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

giveaways. There were 19 other speakers from different parts of the world. Famous speakers included Jet Li, Mark

Dacascos, JuJu Chan, etc. This was a rare event where Asia successfully represented her people," she added.

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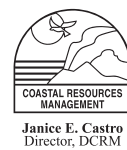
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PUBLIC NOTICE

From the COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS COASTAL
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
of the CNMI'S DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

DATE: January 22, 2020

NOTICE: The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) is currently reviewing a federal consistency determination request from the United States Department of the Navy regarding the Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT) Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/ Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS)

More information about the proposed activity can be accessed via the following website:
https://dcrm.gov.mp/wp-content/uploads/crm/2019_DEC_13_U_N465_1492_CNMI-DCR-M-trn-ltr-16-DEC-19-TO-MS.-REYES.pdf and
https://dcrm.gov.mp/wp-content/uploads/crm/2019_DEC_10_U_N465_1467_ENCL-TO_CNMI-DCRM-trn-ltr-10-DEC-19.pdf

Federal consistency is a provision of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) that requires federal actions that affect the coastal zone to be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of a coastal state's federally approved coastal management plan. Comments on whether the project is consistent with the enforceable policies of the CNMI's coastal management program can be submitted to the Division of Coastal Resource Management at FedCon@dcrm.gov.mp.

This public notice has been published for compliance with 15 CFR § 930.42. DCRM is soliciting public comments for thirty (30) days, comment period began on January 7, 2020 and will end on February 7, 2020. This comment period has been extended to give the public a sufficient opportunity to develop and provide comments on whether the proposed project is consistent with management program enforceable policies. We welcome your feedback and thank you for your consideration.

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Intoxicated man allegedly shot up own house on Rota

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An allegedly intoxicated man repeatedly fired guns on Rota early Sunday morning, with the bullets hitting his own house in in Sinapalo 3.

Nicolas A. Songsong, 44, was arrested on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, unlawful discharge of a firearm, possession or use of weapon while under

the influence of alcohol, and disturbing the peace.

At a hearing yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge Wesley Bogdan imposed a \$100,000 cash bail on Songsong; preliminary hearing will be on Jan. 30.

Police detective Ben H. Atalig stated in his report that the central dispatch of the Rota Department of Public Safety received a call last Sunday at 2:51am, from a

woman who sought the police help about gunshots at Songsong's house in Sinapalo 3.

Upon arrival, the police officers noticed a gray pickup truck leaving the area. As the officers approached the house, a woman who identified herself as the complainant, told the officers that Songsong shot the house then drove off the truck.

The report did not indicate

the relationship between Songsong and the complainant.

At 5:12am that same day, two police officers came upon a shirtless Songsong outside of his home. Atalig said that Songsong walked in an aggressive manner toward the two officers and was argumentative and uncooperative. The officers subdued Songsong, who allegedly resisted.

Atalig said police investigation showed that at least two adults and one minor were inside the house when Songsong fired the guns inside.

Atalig said investigators learned that prior to the incident, Songsong was already extremely intoxicated and belligerent during a family gathering. When Songsong and the complainant arrived home, he was seen carrying a number of firearms out of his house. The complainant told police that she was inside the bedroom of their house when she heard the noise of multiple gunshots. The complainant said she was afraid to look outside until the gunshots had stopped.

The complainant said she then saw Songsong holding a rifle-type firearm and entering the driver's seat of a gray truck.

That's when the police officers arrived.

Atalig said investigators recovered multiple shell casings from a 12-gauge shotgun, a .410 shotgun, and a .30 caliber firearm in front of

Songsong's house.

Investigators also observed damage to a glass above a kitchen door and damage to a wall inside the house from what appeared to be from a shotgun-type bullet.

Investigators were able to locate a break-type shotgun in a grassy area across the

street from Songsong's house.

Investigators located Songsong's truck at his parents' house.

The truck was brought to DPS Central for an inventory, where investigators discovered multiple ammunitions similar to that found at the scene.

Court orders release of alleged overstayer

The federal court allowed yesterday the temporary release of an alleged overstaying Chinese national who presented a CNMI driver's license that she allegedly obtained through fraud.

At a detention motion hearing yesterday, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona allowed Dingping Kan to post an unsecured bond of \$1,800 and directed her to return to court for a preliminary hearing on Jan. 31 at 9am. Kan was told to surrender her passport and that of her two children's. Once confirmation is made for the children's relocation from Tinian to Saipan, the passport will be released back to defendant's attorney, David G. Banes, to allow the children to travel.

Banes informed the court that Kan is willing to surrender her children's passport as extra security. Banes said Kan will remain on Saipan.

According to the minutes of the hearing, assistant U.S. attorney Eric O'Malley had no issues with Kan traveling to Tinian.

Kan was arrested on a charge of presenting a fraudulently obtained identification document to law enforcement.

Homeland Security Inves-

tigations special agent David West stated in his report that Kan was encountered at the CNMI Customs inspection area at the seaport last Wednesday, Jan. 15, when she presented a CNMI driver's license to CNMI Customs as her identification to claim a package.

West said that during an interview with law enforcement officers, Kan informed them that she has no legal immigration status.

West said that HSI later determined that Kan has no immigration status and that the driver's license that she had presented to Customs was fraudulent.

Kan arrived last Wednesday at the Port of Saipan to clear a cargo container that was recently shipped to the Saipan seaport from China. The defendant paid the dues as the consignee for the shipment and the cargo container was held for inspection.

At the CNMI Customs inspection area, Customs inspector Vicente Sablan asked the defendant for identification, and she presented a CNMI driver's license. Sablan allowed Kan to proceed into the cargo area of the seaport. After clearing the cargo container, Kan was interviewed by a Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force officer.



OLD MAN BY THE SEA
The secluded beach at the Old Man By the Sea is one of the top draws among Saipan residents who don't mind the long trek to the area to see the rock formations and crystal-clear waters. The area got its name from a rock formation in the area that resembles a human head looking out into the waters.

BEA CABRERA

NAP increases eligibility limits

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Since Oct. 1, 2019, the local food stamp program, operated by the Nutrition Assistance Program office, has increased its income eligibility standards.

Commonly referred to as "income guidelines" or "income brackets," the income eligibility standards are the gross monthly income thresholds used by NAP in determining if a household is eligible for food stamp assistance.

The income eligibility standards are the approved guideline used to compare against a household's gross monthly income from any source such as wages, social security pensions, retirement pensions, rental income, monetary contribution, child support payments, etc., and whether such income does not exceed the income limits for eligibility.

The income determination is based on gross—not net—income, which means the amount sought for eligibility is the amount before taxes and other deductions.

Below is the income eligibility standards for fiscal year 2020:

Maximum Monthly Income Standards Effective October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020	
Household Size	Rota, Tinian and Saipan
1	\$1,041
2	\$1,410
3	\$1,778
4	\$2,146
5	\$2,515
6	\$2,883
7	\$3,251
8	\$3,620

NAP also determines eligibility from two criteria, which are the resources eligibility standards and the citizenship/alien status requirement. Normally, these two criteria have to

be met in order to qualify for nutrition assistance.

Participants shall be verified to be one of the following to meet the citizenship or alien status requirement: U. S. citizen; U.S. national; an alien granted asylum under section 208 of the Immigration and Nationality Act; a refugee who is admitted to the United States under section 207; certain aliens whose deportation is being withheld; and lawfully admitted for permanent residence under the Immigration and Nationality Act, provided five years elapsed since the aliens' entry into the United States.

Applicant households must not exceed the resources eligibility standards below, which applies to only "accessible" or "readily negotiable" liquid assets at the banks such as savings, checking accounts, time certificates of deposits, savings bonds, other negotiable instruments, and cash on hand.

Below is the maximum monthly benefit allotment for fiscal year 2020:

Maximum Benefit Allotment Effective October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020			
Household Size	Rota and N.I.	Tinian	Saipan
1	\$344	\$299	\$283
2	\$629	\$546	\$519
3	\$901	\$782	\$743
4	\$1,150	\$998	\$944
5	\$1,360	\$1,180	\$1,121
6	\$1,544	\$1,417	\$1,345
7	\$1,808	\$1,569	\$1,487
8	\$2,057	\$1,785	\$1,699

To apply for NAP assistance, the head of the household or the authorized representative must pick up and submit a completed application for nutrition assistance at the NAP office on the ground floor of the JTV building in As Lito. You must also submit a copy of your birth certificate or valid passport, social security number and, if applicable, three current pay stubs and bank statement for each member that will be listed in the application for verification.

For more information, contact the NAP office at 237-2842 or 237-2843.

BOE wants full immunizations for Head Start students

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The Board of Education wants 100% of all Head Start and Early Head Start children to be immunized and up-to-date in their vaccinations.

As of Dec. 2019, 73% of children in Early Head Start and 61% in Head Start had updated immunization records, according to Head Start and Early Head Start director Lathania Santos.

BOE member Marylou Ada still thinks that that number is low, especially with the threat of a measles outbreak in the region, the most recent of which occurred in Samoa.

Ada added that Early Head Start and Head Start programs should require children to be updated with the required vaccines.

"We have to be aware that we are dealing with early childhood, and their immune system is just starting to build. I want to increase [the immunization] figure because

we might have an outbreak of measles [so]...we need to be proactive," she said.

Santos explained that some children are not updated with their immunization because of the lack of transportation, among other things.

"It is really dependent on the availability of transportation as well as the families who actually bring them [to the clinic]," she said.

Another issue, Santos said, is that some of the children cannot be given shots when there is an immunization outreach because the parent has to be there since Early Head Start and Head Start children range from 6 months to 4 years old.

"Even if we bring [the immunization program] to the centers, if the parents will not come, the shots cannot be given," Santos said.

BOE chair Janice Tenorio lauded the Head Start and Early Head Start programs for strictly implementing the immunization requirement for children.

Who is born a US citizen?

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A recent court ruling about far-away American Samoa may have profound implications for a conflict that's been going on for nearly 200 years: who gets to be an American citizen.

Debates over who gets citizenship and what kind of citizenship they get have always been intertwined with race in American history, as we have learned through our individual research on the historical status of Native Americans and African Americans and the research we have done together on restricting Chinese immigration.

Nonetheless, even in the highly racialized political environment of the late 19th century, the U.S. Supreme Court endorsed an expansive view of birthright citizenship – the idea that people born in a country are automatically citizens of that nation. In an 1898 ruling, the court decreed that the children of immigrants were citizens, regardless of their parents' ancestry.

That decision laid the groundwork for the 21st-century ruling that people born in the U.S. Pacific island territory of American Samoa are U.S. citizens. If upheld on appeal, the ruling would overturn more than a century of federal policy, including congressional refusal to grant American Samoans citizenship status.

Citizenship by birth

Federal laws govern some people's citizenship – such as those who seek to be naturalized or people born overseas with at least one parent who is a U.S. citizen; the law says they, too, may claim U.S. citizenship. Similarly, children from other countries who are adopted by U.S. citizens become citizens themselves when the adoption is finalized.

But most citizens of the U.S. are born, not made. Before the Civil War, the U.S. had generally followed the English practice of granting citizenship to children born in the country.

In 1857, though, the Supreme Court had decided the Dred Scott v. Sandford case, with Chief Justice Roger Taney declaring that people of African descent living in the U.S. – whether free or enslaved, and regardless of where they were born – were not actually U.S. citizens.

Legal and constitutional transformation

After the Civil War, Congress explicitly rejected the Dred Scott decision, first by passing legislation reversing the ruling, and then by writing the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, which specified that “[a]ll persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside.”

This broad language intentionally included more than just the people who had been freed from slavery at the end of the Civil War: Members of Congress discussed the poten-

tial inclusion of the children of other nonwhite groups, like Chinese immigrants and those identified as Gypsies.

Still barring some from citizenship

However, this inclusive view of citizenship still had an area judges hadn't made clear yet – the phrase “subject to the jurisdiction thereof.” In 1884, the Supreme Court had to interpret those words when deciding the case of a Native American who wanted to be a citizen, had renounced his tribal membership and attempted to register to vote.

The justices ruled that even though John Elk had been born in the U.S., he was born on a reservation as a member of a Native American tribe and was therefore subject to the tribe's jurisdiction at his birth – not that of the United States. He was, they ruled, not a citizen.

In 1887, Congress did pass a law creating a path to citizenship for at least some Native Americans; it took until 1924 for all Native Americans born on U.S. soil to be recognized as citizens.

The text of the 14th Amendment also became an issue in the late 19th century, when Congress and the Supreme Court were deciding how to handle immigrants from China. An 1882 law had barred Chinese immigrants living in the U.S. from becoming naturalized citizens. A California circuit court, however, ruled in 1884 that these immigrants' U.S.-born children were citizens.

In 1898, the Supreme Court

took up the question in United States v. Wong Kim Ark, ultimately ruling that children born in the U.S. were, in the 14th Amendment's terms, “subject to the jurisdiction” of the United States, so long as their parents were not serving in some official capacity as representatives of a foreign government. Therefore, those children were U.S. citizens at birth.

The long reach of Wong Kim Ark

Since the Wong Kim Ark ruling, birthright citizenship rules haven't changed much – but they are no less contentious. In 1900 and 1904, leaders of several Pacific islands that make up what is now American Samoa signed treaties granting the U.S. full powers and authority to govern them.

These agreements, however, did not grant American Samoans citizenship. A State Department policy designates them as “non-citizen nationals,” which means they can freely live and work in the U.S., but cannot vote in state and federal elections.

Efforts to grant American Samoans citizenship in the 1930s passed the Senate but failed in the House. In 2018, plaintiffs from American Samoa sued, seeking to be regarded as full U.S. citizens. They asked a federal judge to decide whether they were covered by the 14th Amendment's provision that they were born “within” the U.S., and therefore citizens. The judge agreed they were, looking to the Wong Kim Ark ruling as clear guidance that the 14th Amendment follows the ancient rule

of birthright citizenship.

Policymakers and the public remain deeply interested in who gets citizenship and how they get it. President Donald Trump is just the latest in a long line of politicians who have objected to the fact that Latin American immigrants who come to the U.S. without legal permission can have babies who are U.S. citizens. Nevertheless, the courts have continued to uphold the centuries-long history of birthright citizenship, dating back to before the Constitution itself and early American court rulings.

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HOLIDAY FUN

A tourist family take turns jumping off the jetty of Mañagaha Island over the long MLK holiday weekend. Here, a father jumps off the pier with his son.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Alternative contact no. for MLSC

The Marianas office of Micronesia Legal Services Corp. is having trouble with its telephone lines. If you call and cannot reach the MLSC at its regular numbers, try 235-6102. Thank you for your patience and understanding. (PR)

Class of '81 reunion meeting

There will be a Class of 1981 reunion meeting 6pm at Tech-Nic Gaming Center on Middle Road above the Sherwin Williams building across the Bank of Hawaii branch. (PR)

Free govt contracting workshops in Guam

The Guam Procurement Technical Assistance Center is offering free government contracting training workshops for January 2020.

Workshops run from 9am to 10am at the University of Guam in the Jesus and Euge-

nia Leon Guerrero Business and Public Admin Building, Margarita Perez & Jaime Tuquero IT&E Lecture Hall, Room 131(unless otherwise specified):

■ Jan. 23: Government of Guam Procurement – The Guam PTAC will explain government of Guam procurement, where to find opportunities, and how to submit bids.

■ Jan. 30: DLA Internet Bid Board System –The DLA Internet Bid Board System provides the capability to search for, view, and submit secure quotes for DLA supply RFQs, RFPs, and IFBs. The Guam PTAC will guide you through the process of setting up an account and navigating the system.

For Project Management Professionals, Guam PTAC workshops may count toward your annual Professional Development Unit goals.

Register on our website, <http://guamptac.com/news-and-events.php>, or call/

email Therese at 735-2552/admin@guamptac.com. Walk-ins are welcome! (PR)

UFO to unveil new bus stop

The United Filipino Organization is inviting the public to a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a newly-built school bus stop across the Commonwealth Health Center in Garapan today, Jan. 22 at 9am. Whoever will be attending the event should be at the site before 8:45am, since they will be having a short program before the ceremony.

UFO, in collaboration with SuperTech, has been working on this project since late 2019. The ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday signals the completion of the project. (JN)

SHRM membership meeting set

The Society for Human Resource Management-NMI Chapter will have a general membership meeting on Feb.

7, Friday, with the venue to be announced later. The meeting starts at 9am with the induction of the 2020 NMI SHRM board members.

Guest trainer will be Fran Sepler, president of Sepler & Associates. Sepler is best known for her pioneering work in harassment prevention and workplace investigations.

Training topics:

■ 9:30am – 12:30pm: “Respect in the Workplace.” Based on values of respect and fairness, this training focuses on skill building for employees such as: bystander intervention and giving and getting feedback

■ 1:30pm – 5:30pm: “Leading for Respect.” Learn how to respond appropriately to concerns and complaints made by employees, focusing on the employee's perceptions of fairness and the supervisor's responsibility to respond with emotional intelligence

This training includes lunch

and costs \$50 for SHRM members and \$60 for non-SHRM members. Reserve your seat by contacting Roman Tudela at tudela.roman@gmail.com or Denise Montenegro at denise.montenegro@hyatt.com

SHRM is the world's largest association devoted to human resource management. The NMI Chapter is affiliated with the national organization. (PR)

Water service outage in parts of Gualo Rai

There will be a scheduled water service interruption for portions of Gualo Rai mainly for customers located along Gualo Rai Road on the west side of the Gualo Rai traffic light on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020, from 8am to 5pm. Commonwealth Utilities Corp. customers in the affected areas should expect restoration of water services soon after.

The purpose of this water interruption is to allow CUC's

contractor, AIC Marianas Inc., to connect the new 8-inch distribution main to the existing 16-inch main as part of CUC's Gualo Rai Waterline Replacement Project funded by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. As a result of the waterline replacement, a more reliable water system will be provided to the community. (PR)

2020 Red Cross Walkathon on April 25

The American Red Cross-NMI Chapter's 2020 Walkathon will take place on April 25, a Saturday. The event will include a 10K walk and lots of fun and games for the entire family. Activities will include a community resource fair, face painting, bounce houses and lots more. For information on the walkathon and how you can support, volunteer or participate, call the NMI Chapter at 234-3459 or e-mail at nmi-chapter@redcross.org. (PR)

500 Sails' Gamsun Project and Co-Op thriving

Friday, Jan. 17, marked the first day of this semester's 500 Sails Gamsun Project and the last day of this semester's 500 Sails' Co-op class.

Gamsun Project provides free swim classes for all school age youth. Classes take place on those Public School System half-day Fridays that coincide with higher tides. There are two more classes this semester, on Feb. 7 and 28, from 2pm to 4pm at the Guma Sakman in Susupe. So far there

are 40 participants, from complete beginners to highly skilled swimmers. Time includes structured class and free time. Certified high school lifeguards and teacher assistants are joined by 500 Sails' volunteers to oversee the program. Spaces are still available. Email info@500sails.org for more information.

500 Sails has participated as an employer for the PSS Co-Op Program for three semesters. Youth get the opportunity to learn hands-

on how to assist in building a traditional Chamorro canoe using modern materials. In addition, they are introduced to sailing these canoes themselves. Interested youth should contact their schools

For more information: email info@500sails.org, visit website at <http://www.500sails.org>, follow 500 Sails at <https://www.facebook.com/500SailsDolphinClubSaipan>, or call Emma Perez at 670-285-4268. (PR)

Gamsun Project's youngest class participants learn the basics of swimming, as PSS Co-Op participants sail the *Anāguan* canoe in the background.

ANDREA CARR



Official U.S. Navy file photo of U.S. Naval Base Guam shows U.S. Navy, Royal Australian Navy, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force and the Republic of Korea navy vessels moored in Apra Harbor, Guam.

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Department of the Navy leaders sign Guam Explosive Safety Submission

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Culminating over three years of negotiation, Department of the Navy leaders signed an agreement yesterday to establish a disciplined process for

the Commander, Joint Region Marianas to have the authority to implement prudent explosive safety principles in Guam. The agreement will have an immediate impact on

billions of dollars in military construction activities being undertaken by all military services with missions in Guam, including the relocation of U.S. Marines from the island

of Okinawa, Japan.

The ceremony marks submission of the Guam Munitions Response Explosive Safety Submission to the Naval Ordnance Safety and Security Activity. Dale Sisson, executive director of NOSSA, and Jim Balock, deputy assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations, En-

ergy and Facilities) signed the memorandum of agreement to acknowledge this historic occasion.

"This agreement is all about safely accelerating the delivery of warfighter capabilities by the Air Force, Navy, and Marines to a region of the world critical to our nation's strategic interests," said Lucian Niemeyer, acting assistant secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations and Environment). "We no longer will have extended delays for essential military construction projects, and will be able to save U.S. taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars."

According to Niemeyer, the event marks the culmination of many years work by staff across the globe to address the unique challenges associated with constructing facilities in Guam, a former World War II battleground. The agreement is intended as a template to improve the communication and teamwork across the explosive safety functions in the Department of Defense to expand activities on other islands with similar histories during World War II.

"This is a significant day for many of us; this agreement will enable greater agility

in the decision-making process, save money, and, most importantly, deliver infrastructure capabilities more quickly in the Pacific region. This agreement was made possible by the extraordinary leadership at NOSSA, the DoD Explosive Safety Board, and dedicated work by many professionals in Guam, Hawaii and here in the [Washington,] D.C. region," said James B. Balock, deputy assistant secretary of the Navy (Installations, Energy and Facilities).

The Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations and Environment serves the Department of the Navy and the nation by enhancing combat capabilities for the warfighter and greater energy security; the acquisition and disposal of real property; construction and maintenance of installations; protecting the safety and occupational health of the military and civilian personnel; environmental protection, planning and restoration ashore and afloat; and conservation of natural and cultural resources. (Office of the Navy Chief of Information)

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

January 22, 1999

NMC students protest govt 'neglect'

Students of the financially troubled Northern Marianas College yesterday trooped to the Office of the Governor to protest what they described was the CNMI government's neglect to provide the needed funding for the scholarship program. More than 50 students participated in the motorcade rally that began from the NMC campus to Capitol Hill. Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio and Rep. Heinz Hofschneider held a dialogue with the angry students that lasted for almost two hours. Shirley Santos, president of the Associated Students of NMC, said the

number of drop outs has been increasing after they were informed by school officials that the College has not received the scholarship funding for the Spring semester.

Mexico woos CNMI garment makers

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio admitted yesterday the Northern Marianas is not yet ready for the departure of the half-a-billion-dollar garment industry amid plans of several apparel manufacturers to relocate beginning year 2002 ahead of the implementation of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Some members of the industry say they foresee an exodus of garment firms in preparation for the lowering of trade barriers by the World

Trade organization in year 2004. Plans of garment manufacturers to move to some parts in Asia or Latin America come in the wake of a \$1 billion in lawsuits filed against retailers and buyers for alleged exploitation of foreign workers.

January 22, 2001

Merits of visitors' safety cited

In efforts to help the Commonwealth to bounce off from financial distress, Tinian Senator David M. Cing said the tourism industry can only be revived through strong support from the public sector. Mr. Cing said the recent rape incident on Tinian has alarmed travelers which could severely affect the tourism industry, considering the fact that it is still in the early stages of recovery from a major slump. He stressed that tourism is the Commonwealth's largest source of revenue and that

visitors should feel safe and welcome, adding that reports of crime can do immeasurable damage to the industry.

High compliance rate on health standards noted

Business establishments on the island, particularly restaurants and retail stores, are believed to be complying with the CNMI health and sanitation standards. This is following the series of routine inspection conducted by the Bureau of Environmental Health teams of the Department of Public Health last week. Based on the report released by the BEH, the routine inspection held during the period of Jan. 7-13, the following business establishment passed the health and sanitation standards of the bureau: Shell Koblerville Retail, New Mart Burcher Shop, New Mart, Ejay's Variety Store, Seaside Retail Store, Rainbow Retail Store, Julies Barbeque

Special, D' Elegance Restaurant, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Sare Retail, and SH Market.

January 22, 2006

'Govt shortfall may exceed \$51M'

The CNMI government is facing a budget shortfall that could soar to more than \$51 million this fiscal year and only five agencies will be spared from funding cuts. Gov. Benigno R. Fitial announced in a press conference Friday that the budget for departments and agencies is currently short by about \$51 million. He added, however, that the actual shortfall may be bigger, since the estimated figure was based on the \$213-million budget authorized by Public Law 13-24, the last enacted budget law. Quoting acting Finance Secretary Eloy S. Inos, the governor reported that the government is expecting to collect only \$190 million to

\$200 million in revenues in fiscal year 2006.

15 soldiers back from Iraq reunited with families

The night was getting late and 5-year-old Junjun stood outside the arrival area of the Saipan International Airport, holding a banner to welcome the arrival of his cousin, Eric Sablan, who was among the CNMI soldiers who were deployed to Iraq. Junjun flashed a smile and said he was happy that he would be seeing his cousin back home last Friday night. Family members, relatives, and supporters of soldiers who were scheduled to arrive Saipan that night greeted the servicemen with a hero's welcome, holding banners and colorful ribbons at the airport. Fifteen soldiers arrived home, one of the biggest groups of local servicemen who came back after their tour of duty in Iraq.

Juvenile arrested in Garapan for theft of alcohol

On Monday, Jan. 20, 2020, at about 4:15am, the CNMI Department of Public Safety received a 911 call reporting a theft complaint at a 24-hour business establishment in Garapan, stating that the suspect was still inside the establish-

ment. Police were dispatched to the scene.

At about 4:20am, a patrol unit arrived at the establishment and met with one of the employees, who stated that the suspect had just fled the scene and is hiding in the neighbor-

ing building. The witness told police that the suspect was wearing a black shirt and khaki-colored pair of long pants. A few police officers went over to conduct a quick search as another officer questioned the witnesses. After a few minutes, officers found the suspect matching the description hiding in an alley.

Witnesses in the establishment told police that the sus-

pect walked into the establishment and headed straight for the alcohol section, grabbed a bottle of vodka, and began drinking it. The witnesses in the establishment told the suspect that he could not do that. The suspect then walked toward the bag of chips section before opening one bag and fleeing from the store.

When police questioned the suspect, the suspect stated that

he had walked around the village, looking for vehicles with unlocked doors, to look for money before going into the store. Officers later found that the suspect in this case was a minor. He was then brought to the Commonwealth Health Center before being transported to the Department of Corrections where he was booked and detained.

The CNMI Department of

Public Safety reminds the public to secure your vehicle and to remove any valuables from the vehicle before leaving it unattended. If you see a suspicious individual looking through a vehicle's windows or trying to get into a vehicle, don't hesitate and call 911 to report it. If you would like to remain anonymous call the CNMI Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272. **(PR)**

Hyatt to usher in the Year of the Rat with guest chefs

Chinese Lunar New Year is the most anticipated festival of the Chinese calendar—a time for reconnecting with friends and family and sharing precious time together. During this holiday, Hyatt Regency Saipan guests are welcomed to celebrate the Year of the Rat, the year of new beginnings!

From today through Sunday, Jan. 22 to 26, 2020, Kili Café & Terrace presents a four-night-and-one-day Chinese New Year dining event prepared with the guidance of visiting guest chefs Jason Zhuang and Gary Zhu from Grand Hyatt Shenyang China for the celebration of the Year of the Rat.

■ On Wednesday, Jan. 22, there will be three cuisine live station dinner prelude for the Chinese New Year, priced at \$48 per person and Club at the Hyatt members welcome.

■ Thursday, Jan. 23, will have a Chinese New Year three cuisine live station lunch and dinner prelude, priced at \$29 per person and Club at the Hyatt members welcome for lunch and \$48 per person and Club at the Hyatt members welcome for dinner.

■ Friday and Saturday, Jan. 24 and 25, will have Chinese New Year three cuisine live station lunch prelude priced at \$29 per person and Club at the Hyatt members welcome.

On Friday and Saturday, Jan. 24 and 25, the Chinese New Year celebration dinner is priced at \$65 per person and \$45 Club

at the Hyatt members.

Sunday, Jan. 26 Sunday Brunch, will feature a Chinese New Year live station priced at \$55 per person and Club at the Hyatt members welcome.

The visiting guest chefs will put on a fine display of culinary artistry in their creations alongside traditional delicacies like marinated abalone, jellyfish with Chinese cabbage, and Beijing duck, to name a few. Reservations highly recommended. For more information, call 234-1234 Ext. 26.

On Saturday, Jan. 25, guests are invited to experience a traditional lion dance to welcome and share good health, luck and strong prosperity performed by the Chinese Association of Saipan at 11am in the hotel lobby and at 6:30pm at the Kili Café & Terrace. **(PR)**



Public warned of high surf, rough seas

A trade-wind swell that is building right now will cause surf to increase through the week. Also, a large north swell from a mid-Pacific storm that is creating hazardous surf along north facing reefs has been extended to last through today, Wednesday.

The strong winds and rough seas this week have prompted the issuance of a small craft advisory that will be in effect through Saturday night.

Fresh to strong northeast winds will continue across the region through Saturday. In addition, combined seas of 8 to 10 feet will persist as a result of the combination of an east and

a long-period north swell.

Northeast winds will gradually turn east while they continue for most of the week. Combined seas of 8 to 10 feet will continue through the week.

Small craft can be blown off course or be capsized. Wind speeds up to 25 knots are expected to produce hazardous conditions for operating small craft.

The public and inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid sailing in these conditions.

Based on the information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan,

Guam, and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center State Warning Point, surf is building along northern and eastern shores this week and a high surf advisory is now in effect until this evening. There is a high risk of rip currents through late Sunday.

For the high surf advisory, there will be large breaking waves of 7 to 9 feet, resulting in dangerous and frequent rip currents along north facing reefs and along north and east facing reefs of the Marianas.

The high surf advisory is in effect until this evening. For the high risk of rip currents, the warning is through

next Sunday night, primarily on the east facing reefs after Wednesday.

These conditions mean dangerous swimming and surfing conditions and localized beach erosion. Rip currents can sweep even the best swimmers away from shore into deeper water.

The public is advised to avoid venturing out along the reef line, especially along north and east facing reefs. Large breaking waves can knock you down and injure you. Strong rip currents along both north and east facing reefs can sweep even the best swimmers away from shore into deeper water. Stay out of the water. **(Saipan Tribune)**

Power and water interruption on Friday

There will be a scheduled power interruption on Friday, Jan. 24, from 3:30pm to 6:30pm, affecting Lower Base.

This sectionalized feeder outage on the Feeder 2 distribution circuit will affect Commonwealth Utilities Corp. customers from Industrial Drive in Lower Base to the Smiling Cove Marina. No water well will be affected but the S-3 wastewater lift station will be affected.

The purpose of the scheduled power interruption is to de-energize utility lines such

that CUC linemen are able to safely conduct maintenance of the power distribution system and construct a new overhead power distribution line. The new power distribution line will serve as a power delivery point from the impending Aggreko power station to the CUC electric power grid.

Because of the scale of work that will be performed, CUC asks travelers to take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the working area.

There will also be a scheduled water service interruption

on Friday, Jan. 24, from 8am to 5pm for customers in the areas of San Vicente, Dandan, and Obyan areas.

This is intended for the relocation of water meters and leak repair on Palu Lane in San Vicente as part of the Department of Public Work road construction project.

For the safety of the men and women at the jobsite, proceed with caution and/or take alternate routes when traveling by the area.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor

its Facebook page for the latest updates (<https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/>). **(PR)**

Kids Helping Kids workshop for teachers

The Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture, in partnership with Pacific Resources for Education and Learning, is hosting a "Kids Helping Kids" workshop with Dr. Lori Phillips on Jan. 30, 2020, at the Kanoa Resort, from 9am to 3pm.

The Kids Helping Kids workshop teaches a series of strategies that assist teachers in teaching basic observational drawing and story writing to create early childhood readers. Its main goal is to create books that can be translated into local languages for use in island classrooms.

The workshop is open for all K-12 private and public-school teachers. Interested teachers must register on or before Tuesday, Jan. 28, to reserve their seats. Registration is free and on a first come, first served basis.

The workshop is funded by the National Endowment for the Arts—Pacific Territorial Grant, Pacific Resources for Education and Learning, and the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture. To register or for more information, call 322-9982. **(PR)**



CANOE BUILDERS

From left, grand master navigator Antonio "Tony" Pailug's grandson, Francisco Pailug Faisao, daughter Elilai Pailug, grand master navigator Antonio "Tony" Pailug, granddaughter Irieauni Pailug Faisao, and John Castro pose in front of the unfinished traditional canoe at the canoe house in Susupe last Jan. 15. Antonio Urmeyang Pailug and Castro, project coordinator of the seafaring tradition program of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs program, are working on building a traditional canoe that is supposed to be exhibited at the Festival of the Pacific Arts in Hawaii this June.

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The canoe house of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs in Susupe is intended to house traditional Chamorro and Carolinian canoes under the Seafaring Traditions program of DCCA. The house is currently leaning to one side due to the impact of Super Typhoon Yutu in October 2018 but the hut itself is still pretty much intact.

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How Trump's immigration policies could yield new era in border politics

The announcement last week that President Donald Trump and the White House were considering shifting billions of dollars more in military funding in addition to the \$6 billion already taken from the Pentagon's budget to build Trump's "big, beautiful wall" along the U.S.-Mexico border triggered the usual responses from Democrats who said it would hurt military readiness and from Republicans who said Trump was beefing up U.S. security.

But what if a new era has emerged at the border that makes much of the current sniping less relevant than it used to be? That's the provocative question raised by Alan Bersin, who was border czar under President Barack Obama, in a meeting with *The San Diego Union-Tribune* Editorial Board. Bersin made it clear that he considers Trump a corrosive figure who is taking a toll on democracy. But he believes that Trump's administration—after years of bumbling—has figured out how to deter the unlawful migration from Central America that has "broken" the U.S. asylum system.

By exerting economic pressure on Mexico—which sells about 80% of its exports to America—U.S. officials got the Mexican government to sharply ramp up enforcement of its southern border last year, limiting "caravans" that drew thousands of asylum seekers from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador across Mexico to the U.S. border. Mexico also accepted Trump's new Remain in Mexico program, under which asylum seekers are no longer allowed into the U.S. while awaiting hearings.

As of October, there was a backlog of 476,000 asylum cases that took an average of 816 days to resolve—meaning that before Remain in Mexico, asylum seekers could expect a year or two or more to find jobs, blend into their communities and decide whether to skip their hearings and take their chances as unauthorized immigrants in a nation in which internal enforcement is uneven and in some places rare. Given that in fiscal 2018, asylum was granted in only 16% of completed cases, such a decision is logical for those desperate to live in a safer, richer country. In Bersin's view, what Trump has done has fixed a "huge glitch" in immigration policy—a game-changer that sharply weakens the case for a border wall and an expanded Border Patrol.

The extraordinary cruelty of the Trump administration's initial policy of systematically separating families at the border will forever cloud the opinions of millions of Americans when it comes to the president and immigration. And the idea that the U.S. should discourage asylum-seekers is anathema to those on the left, some of whom have backed a virtual end to immigration enforcement. Moreover, the fact that asylum requests are now being approved at microscopic rates is properly seen as bad faith on the part of a nation that used to be proud of its willingness to accept and help huddled masses.

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"WHERE DO THE ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT GO AFTER THEY REACH THE SENATE?"

American politics are stranger than fiction

WASHINGTON—If our politics were novelized, we would throw the book across the room in frustration. Too implausible.

Here, without names, is a brief synopsis, for people who've been planning a trip to Mars or haven't read a newspaper or watched TV news out of exasperation.

In 2016, a woman with baggage but vast government experience won the popular vote but lost the election because of a quirky thing called the Electoral College created to prevent direct election of a president by the people.

She lost to a bully and braggart, a real estate mogul who declared bankruptcy six times, was on his third wife, was alleged to have paid for sex with a porn star and a Playboy bunny, was sued by the federal government for racist policies in housing he owned and had never been elected to any previous public post.

The new president would be caught in 15,000 confirmable lies. Millions stopped caring about the truth as he repeatedly told them not to believe the news.

He alienated all the country's most important allies and NATO, cozied up to the country's major foe, Russia, and a host of dictators, tried to ban Muslims from entering the country, pulled the country out of two major treaties, separated immigrant children from their parents, arbitrarily ordered the assassination of another country's popular general, routinely made racist and sexist remarks, thumbed his nose at Congress and was impeached for trying to bribe another country to help him win reelection.

He constantly broke promises such as an agreement to repair the broken immigration system. He refused to reveal his health records or tax returns. He normalized chaos. He and his family made millions from the office and charged American taxpayers millions of dollars for spending an inordinate amount of time at his golf courses. He gave the wealthy and corporations a big tax cut and did nothing about mass shootings. He started a trade war with China, destroying thousands of farm livelihoods.

He fired many of the competent scientists in government, weakened environmental regulations, hired and fired totally partisan incompetents and kept few promises such as repairing the nation's crumbling and outmoded infrastructure. But he rode an economic recovery that had started before he took office. He also maintained an almost constant 40% popularity with his base, who were delighted at his outrageous tweets and disdain for the rule of law. He took a polarized country and divided it even further, causing many families to stop speaking to each other and coarsening public debate.

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Vowing to stop him, the other party soon had 20 candidates vying to replace him. They included some billionaires, a self-declared democratic socialist who kept running despite a heart attack, a woman who wants to spend \$22 trillion to replace the health care system but doesn't know how to pay for it, a self-help guru, a man who wants to give every American family \$1,000 a month, a 37-year-old mayor of a midsize city in Indiana, some governors, some senators and a former gaffe-prone vice president.

After seven debates, much of the country was left depressed and bored with those left standing.

The big issue at the last debate was not how to defeat the lawless and self-involved president, but whether or not the socialist had told the woman with the plan for everything that this country won't elect a woman.

Next, the Senate begins an impeachment trial of the pugnacious president before Republican senators refuse to convict him (letting him declare himself "exonerated").

Then, one of the nation's most rural states, which ultimately will vote for said president, will hold "caucuses." Iowans will gather in church basements and in neighbors' living rooms and declare their support for the Democrat who most excites them or at least has convinced them he or she can defeat the exhausting president. The media will go wild and then that very night fly to a Very Small State.

Democrats in New Hampshire will then cast votes for their favorite candidate, likely to be either the woman with a plan for everything or the socialist, both from neighboring states.

The action then moves to South Carolina, where a majority of black voters are likely to vote for the former vice president. Oh yes, Nevada also comes up soon. And so on and so forth. It may be months before Democrats have a front-runner. Whether they unite around that person or not is questionable. But a New

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Kinumple?

Guaha 31 manma-elihe na offisiat publiku ni ta apapase mas ke \$4.8 miyon pesus gi sakan. Primet obligasion niha i para umadelanta kualidat linala` tautau-ta siha gi todut petlas guine.

Kada unu ma-apapase \$39,500 gi sakan yan ta`lu \$5,000 gi mes para otu siha gastun offisina. Pot todut, \$99,500 suetdun niha gi sakan `sino \$43-mit mas ke otdinariu na suetdun empleau.

Estague` umafuetsas kuestion: haf` na areglun adelantu esta monhayan in` chegue para in` adelanta suetdun popble gi kase 15-mit na empleau guine? Gi hilu` sensian integredat siña in` eppe i kuestion, pruntu?

I asuntu pot kualidat linala` familia!

Biahe

Pa`gu na sakan kase 48 desde ke hu tutuhun chumoneg lapeshu pot asunto-ta siha guine na pahina. Gi mismu tiempu kase esta ha gacha`yu` lokue idat tufai. Taya` sosopbla soluke petsonat na animu pot interes tautau-ta siha.

Desde tiempu hu tatiye kinalamten-ta guine na atkipetlagu. Segundu graduyu` `nai matutuhun diniskuten dinaña` Guahan. Gi 1972 na mapetsige haf` estau-ta pa`gu. Ginen i tautau este na disision.

Maseha mi-asuntu i karera todut mandaña` umesgaihon fitme yan prosperu na kinalamten este siha na petlas. Agradesiyun animun todut gi halum anaku` na karera.

Haf` Mohon?

Yangin guaha un` asuntu malagu` hau uma-adelanta, haf` ennau na attikulu? Sisteman hinemlu`, edukasion, `sino otu asuntu?

Hu tuñgu` na 15-mit giya hamyu gumagana suetdun popble gi che`chu` miyu pa`gu. Ti chinema` hau man-na`e ideu haf` manera `nai siña ma-adelanta suetdun todut.

Gai atburotu na asuntu pot debi uma-adelanta ekonomian i tanu` para u bula fondu yan cho`chu` para todut. Gi pa`gu kulan mama` i taguan i asuntu `nai lumailai gi kaprichoña.

Katma

Kulan man-silensiu tautau-ta siha gi señgsuñg un` pueñge. Hu konsidera haf` guaha na man-mamatkilu. Entre guaha tinane` niha `sino silensiu este na patte gi señgsuñg nai gaigeyu`.

Lau este na asuntu (silensiu) kulan mohon seña na guaha dañkulu para umasusede ya siempre u fatoiue hit. Puede ti dañkulu yan destrosiau na linau. Makat na kontrariu mayamag fanliheñg familia. Ti pa`gu gi halum didog na chinatsaga!

Irensia

Guaha na familia mansuette dañkulu tanu` niha. Gi hilu amtau

AMERICAN

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York billionaire, who is running but can't get the party nomination, says he'll help fund anyone to defeat the president, whom he loathes.

Meanwhile, said president will be raising millions of dollars for reelection, trying to win favors from foreign countries and regularly holding huge rallies to try to win the Electoral College again.

For certain, the FBI and CIA are convinced Russia again will interfere massively in the election, as all evidence proved it did in 2016, because nothing has been done to prevent it.

Unbelievable. No publisher would touch it.

TRUMP

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But the vast decline in arrests for illegal crossing of the southwest border since May, when 132,000 arrests marked a 13-year high, to just under 33,000 arrests in December could create an opportunity for constructive change. "We don't have a border security problem," Bersin said. "We have a migration management problem." If this remains the norm, progress becomes more likely on several fronts—from the status of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program to, yes, creating a path to citizenship for unauthorized immigrants who have led productive, positive lives. Border stability could also help America in another profound way: by limiting the ugly appeal of xenophobic demagoguery.

Is this hope naïve? Maybe. Time will tell. But—thankfully—it's within the realm of possibility.

na areglu mapatten ñaihon gi halum siha mismu.

Komprendiyun i chatkinemprende haf` sustansian tanu` gi familia. Inyun i dos saina para i familian niha yan dispues para mantension niha. Siha i dueñu primera besis.

Huñgan metgut magu`ut tanu` niha para i famaguon. Lau `an ti mapatte taimanu gaige gi hinassota pot nesessidat niha, akseptu. Hagu lokue` fan espiha propiadatmu, tanu`. Muñga man-añoghu! Mamirese trañkilida dispues de todut.

Dibina

Estaba un` amiguhu gi hospitat para umariseta pot guaha pina-desisiña. Hu faisen haf` chinotña ilegña na malañgu-gue`. Taya` otu hasañgan ni tiha alaba haf` chinotña.

Hu sospecha na mamadedese mina` mamatkilu. Era, pog-pug temoña granu matditu. Huñgan, puti ayu na patte piot ya pa`gu dokku` i pegpug. Esta nina` chichichi` i prohimu `an ha muebague`.

Sagu

Un` fotten sagu (flu) doku` giya China `nai guaha tres manpininu` gi uttimu ripot gaseta. Mauleg sa` listu i depattamentun hinemlu` pumulan este na pesti. Mas kase asegurai i para uma-na` para hinalum bisita ginen China estake kayada este chenot.

Este ripot tinahuñg fondu gi kaha kulan cha`guan gi oriyen guma`. `An ta guasan, pues asentadu oriyen gima`ta. Gigon ta

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diskuida hit pues halum cha`guan `nai man a`ariknose hit. Na`e animu kumomple manguasan sa` man-ali`e hit klaru sin distension.

■■■

Mauleg na dañu ha pega i pagyu as Yutu guine. Desde fasilidat publiku tat kumu eskuela ha lachai chumalapun. Estague` tumane` hit kontodu gastun dididi` na fiñkasta. Lau, lugat pagyu `nai mangaige ya ni unu u hinalañg man-aregla!

Huli`e tirun pagyu ni fette desde 1968. Magahet na si Kim yan Yutu i dos fotte na bruhan mañglu`. Mauleg na guaha ayudun federat gi areglun fasilidat na fanliheñg familia dispues de destrosiu. Makat para todus `nai ni unu soplu ginen yinamag pagyu.

Ayu regalun i Class of 1968 `an yamag petlas `nai tat tiha chalapun guine, punta pot punta. Gi halum minesñgun adumididi` ta aregla tatte ha`anita.

Hey, stop telling us which Democratic candidate is ‘electable’

Stop telling me who’s electable and who’s not. Tell me why you like the presidential candidate you like or why you hate the one you loathe. Tell me why you love or hate their policy platforms, their histories and, oh, if you must, talk about their hair.

But please, stop telling me who’s electable.

We all play the electability game sometimes. Guessing is essential to human thought and conversation, and we all want to back a candidate who can win. A candidate’s wide appeal is part of what we try to measure.

But the great electability guessing game over which Democratic candidate can beat Donald Trump? That’s as fruitless as predicting the weather for Nov. 3, 2020.

So, please, stop it.

Electability is a buzzword that sometimes covers for racism, sexism and ageism.

Well, she’s not electable (because she’s a woman).

He’s not electable (because he’s black, or Latino, or Asian).

They’re not electable (because they’re too old, or too young).

But electability talk isn’t always a reflection of bigotry. It often manifests something less ugly but just as pernicious: a lack of imagination.

Even people who are ready for a candidate different from most previous presidents—one who isn’t necessarily male or white, who believes in universal health care—may have trouble believing that enough other people are ready.

The doubters may be right, of course. Or they may be miscalculating their fellow Americans because, let’s face it: Most of us have a limited range of experience and acquaintances. We have trouble imagining how other people think. Looking toward the past, we have trouble imagining a future that looks different.

Barack Obama. Donald Trump. In the eyes of many pundits, neither of them was electable, remember?

Nobody plays the electability game more fervently than what I call the resident scholars at the prestigious School of Punditry, a bipartisan institution made up chiefly of college professors, newspaper and magazine columnists, TV talking heads and former campaign staffers who have turned to podcasting.

The pundits’ pronouncements are called “predictions,” a word that offers guessing with a veneer of expertise.

Most of these scholars make their case based on varied factors, including electoral history, the latest poll numbers, gut feeling or Twitter likes. They couple their arguments with a talent for sharing their opinions VERY FORCEFULLY.

Consider just a few headlines from resident scholars at the prestigious School of Punditry:

“Why Obama Cannot Win in 2012” (Forbes, April 2011).

“Relax, Donald Trump Can’t Win” (The Nation, June 2016).

“Why Kamala Harris Will Win the Democratic Nomination”

By MARY SCHMICH
Chicago Tribune



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(RealClearPolitics, January 2019).

Wrong, wrong, wrong. Again.

As a lesser member of the School of Punditry, I understand the temptation to pronounce loudly on a candidate’s electability. Electability matters. Political predictions are fun. But they’re wrong as often as they’re right.

Reams have been written on the electability of the various Democratic candidates. Bernie Sanders is the most electable. Or not electable at all. Amy Klobuchar is surging. Oh, wait, not anymore. Elizabeth Warren, Michael Bloomberg, Andrew Yang, Pete Buttigieg, Tom whatshisname—they’ve all been subjected to the electability guessing game.

And, oh, right. Joe Biden. I inadvertently left him off the list above—I’m not kidding—even though we’re often told he’s the most electable of all.

Contrary to some predictions, Kamala Harris is no longer in the race, but before she dropped out she talked about how the obsession with electability can warp the discussion.

“There has been a conversation by pundits about ‘electability’ and ‘who can speak to the Midwest,’” she said at an appearance in Detroit. “But when they say that, they usually put the Midwest in a simplistic box and a narrow narrative. And too often their definition of the Midwest leaves people out.”

A few months later, after Harris dropped out of the race, Kelly Dittmar and Glynda Carr wrote a provocative piece in Ms. Magazine under the headline, “Kamala Harris’ Liability Was Not Electability.”

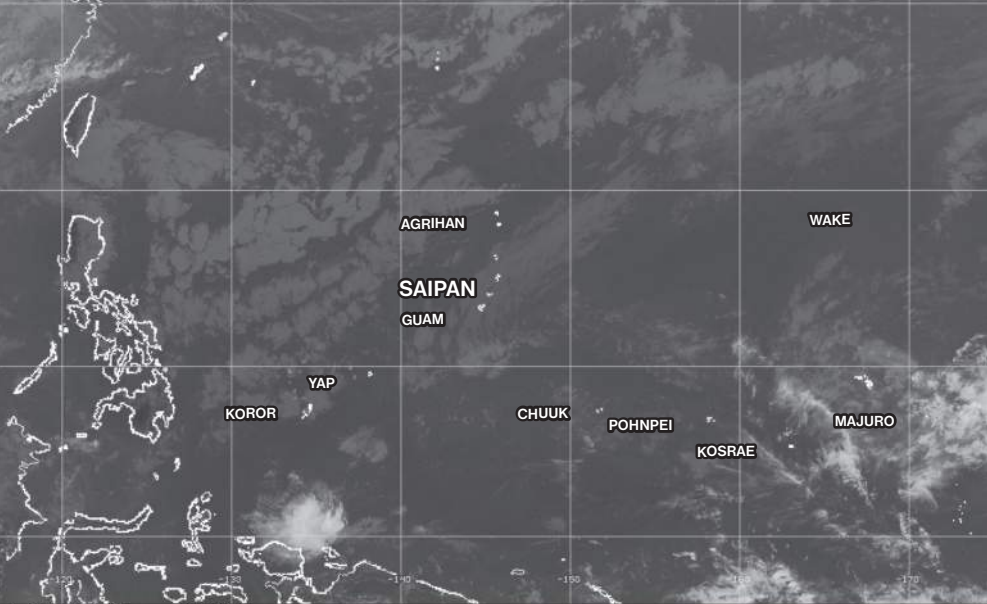
After noting that there were various explanations for her departure, they wrote: “When it comes to talk about electability, though, it’s vital to remember that Harris’ electability as a Black woman was not the problem in the 2020 race. Instead, doubts of that electability—whether from voters, donors, media or political elites—were an added burden to her campaign.”

And that’s why the electability obsession isn’t just innocent fun. Pundits who have no special insight or fortunetelling skills are seeding doubt in voters, not about the candidates’ essential worth but about this elusive thing called electability. Remember that the next time you’re told who can or can’t win.

For the record, I still think Elizabeth Warren could beat Donald Trump.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
Partly sunny with isolated showers. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph.		Partly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 25 mph.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers.		Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.		Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	
87°	74°	86°	76°	88°	76°	87°	75°	87°	75°
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE									



PICTURE TIME: 8:26 AM, TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Guam weather radar shows scattered showers moving through the Marianas waters, with showers beginning to diminish toward the east. The VAD wind profile indicates northeast winds of 12 to 16 knots through the lowest 9 thousand feet of the air. The buoys reveal combined seas of 4 to 6 feet composed mainly of northeast trade-wind swell with minor contributions from a north swell and northeast wind waves.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	83° / 76°	
Palau	Partly Cloudy	85° / 78°	
Yap	Thunderstorms	86° / 80°	
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°	
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	85° / 78°	
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	85° / 78°	
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	85° / 80°	

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲▼°F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	75° / 64°	
Beijing	Sunny	46° / 21°	
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	73° / 68°	
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	81° / 67°	
London	Mostly Sunny	46° / 41°	
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	67° / 51°	
Manila	Mostly Sunny	90° / 75°	
Melbourne	Showers	70° / 52°	
Miami	Thunderstorms	68° / 64°	
New York	Mostly Sunny	39° / 28°	
Osaka	Rain	55° / 52°	
Paris	Mostly Sunny	45° / 28°	
Busan	Rain	55° / 46°	
Rome	Mostly Sunny	61° / 37°	
Salem	Mostly Sunny	52° / 36°	
San Francisco	Showers	55° / 48°	
Seoul	Rain	45° / 27°	
Tokyo	Showers	52° / 45°	
Washington, DC	Sunny	43° / 26°	

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DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:47 AM	6:09 PM
Thursday	6:47 AM	6:10 PM
Friday	6:47 AM	6:10 PM
Saturday	6:47 AM	6:11 PM
Sunday	6:47 AM	6:11 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	4:15 AM	3:48 PM	-
Thursday	5:11 AM	4:41 PM	-
Friday	6:04 AM	5:35 PM	-
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UA156	6:20pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6		UA112	4:45pm	5:26pm	2, 4, 6	
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)						NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
SKY816	4:35pm	7:30pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7		SKY811	10:15am	3:00pm	Daily	
SKY816	5:05pm	8:00pm	6						
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)						BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	3:20am	6:30am	Daily		7C3452	9:35pm	2:30am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	
					7C3452	10:05pm	2:30am+1	3	
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)						SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	2:05am	6:05am	Daily		OZ623	6:45am	12:10pm	5	
OZ626	2:10am	6:05am	1		OZ623	7:00am	12:20pm	7	
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 5, 6, 7		OZ6233	7:30am	12:50pm	2, 4, 6	
OZ626	3:35am	7:20am	4		OZ623	8:10am	1:40pm	1, 3	
7C3403	4:35am	8:35am	Daily		7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily	
OZ6243	3:20pm	7:10pm	2, 4, 6		TW309	11:10am	4:25pm	Daily	
OZ624	3:50pm	7:40pm	1, 3, 5, 7		OZ625	7:30pm	1:00am+1	7	
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily		TW307	7:45pm	1:05am+1	Daily	
TW310	5:25pm	10:15pm	Daily		OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6	
					OZ625	9:05pm	2:25am+1	3	
					7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily	
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)						SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:50am	1, 4, 5, 7		3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7	
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)						HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN			
JD396	7:30am	12:05pm	1		JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4	
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4		JD395	8:50pm	5:00am+1	7	
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)						GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:30am	7:50am	2, 6		3U864	8:10pm	3:10am+1	1, 5	
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)						BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7		MU763	4:50pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6	
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)						MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:10am	10:35am	1 via ICN		UA189/174	12:40am	8:11am+1	3, 6 via GUM	
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					OZ704/623	11:45pm	12:20pm+1	7 via ICN	
					OZ704/6233	11:45pm	12:50pm+1	2, 4, 6 via ICN	
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SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)						HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN		OZ746/623	12:35am	12:10pm	5 via ICN	
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OZ626/721	3:35am	11:50am	4 via ICN		OZ746/6233	12:35am	12:50pm	2, 4, 6 via ICN	
UO43	5:40am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7		OZ746/623	12:35am	1:40pm	1, 3 via ICN	
OZ6243/9661	3:20pm	11:15pm	2, 4, 6 via ICN		OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN	
OZ624/9661	3:50pm	11:15pm	1, 3, 5 via ICN		OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN	
OZ624/9661	3:50pm	12:15am+1	7 via ICN		OZ722/625	1:15pm	2:25am+1	3 via ICN	
					UO42	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7	
					UO42	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6	
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1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily	1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily		
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily	1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily		
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily	1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily		
				1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily		
ROTA TO SAIPAN				1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily		
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3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily	1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily		
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily	1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily		
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily						
ROTA TO GUAM				TINIAN TO SAIPAN					
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3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily	2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily		
GUAM TO ROTA				2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily		
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily		
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily	2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily		
SAIPAN TO TINIAN				2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily		
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily		
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily	2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily		
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily	2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily		
				2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily		
				2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily		
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Business

Top surfing and skating brands at Boarderline



Boarderline store manager Sidney Quan, left, poses with the store's staff.

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CORRESPONDENT

If you're in the market for surfing and skating apparel, accessories, footwear and skate and skin boards, the Boarderline store in Garapan offers the widest selection on Saipan, with brands that impress with distinctive designs, style, and colors.

According to store manager Sidney Quan, the name Boarderline itself is a portmanteau of the words "skateboard" and "surfboard." Smoosh them together and you get a name that's both catchy and unique.

"We are a surf and skate shop and we carry brands that are only available in the shop like Roxy, Billabong, Quicksilver, and Vanz. We also highlight a lot of local brands such as Salty Skin Crew, Hood CNMI and All Nesian, which is a local brand but based off island," he said.

Boarderline also has fashion brand called Cukui and will soon carry the brand Diamond and Island Supply Co. by next month.

"I know some of our customers are excited about [our upcoming new brands]. ... We consider everyone as 'our [customers]' because we don't want to limit our products to a particular market. We like to cater to local and tourists alike, from children to adult who likes the urban lifestyle wear," he added.

The urban lifestyle adheres to the freshest designs and styles and highlights the island culture. This is the kind of fashion that Boarderline supplies its customers.

"When I was in the [mainland United] States, I got a lot of exposure to urban lifestyle and different kinds of fashion. The learning over there was something I want-

ed to give the CNMI, something different...and now we are slowly transitioning as the Saipan market is stepping up and embracing this kind of style," Quan said.

"... we have put a lot of promoting and marketing into it and it is kicking off. ... One of the goals we have in the store is to obtain brands that our customers—both locals and tourists—patronize and support.

Boarderline recently launched a "Loyalty Program" that gives its loyal customers more mileage for their money.

"The Loyalty Program gives customers discounts every time they visit and shop. ...The card is free and it automatically gives the customer 10% discount on any item. If they complete the six6 stamps on the card then they get a 15% discount," Quan said.

Boarderline is open Monday to Sunday from 10am to 10pm.

For more information, call (670) 233-7588 or check out its Instagram handle: boarderline_670.



Boarderline is located at the Joeten Supermarket in Garapan.
BEA CABRERA

Bank of Guam promotes 4 to VP

HAGATNA, Guam—The Bank of Guam board of directors, management and staff are pleased to announce the following promotions:

■ Gwendolyn San Nicolas has been promoted from assistant vice president/System Application officer to vice president/director of Learning, Development and Familia Ambassador Program. Starting as a customer service representative in 2001, San Nicolas rose to become a Central Operations officer before being promoted to Malesso branch manager, which preceded her appointment as the branch manager of Kosrae. San Nicolas is a graduate of Southern High and earned a B.B.A. in Human Resource Management from the University of Guam.

■ Richard Carino has been promoted from assistant vice president/Tamuning branch manager to vice president/Tamuning branch manager. With the bank since 2014, Carino was originally hired as a business development officer. He was previously with Citibank in 2006-2014 as both a mortgage specialist and personal banker. Carino is a graduate of George Washington High School and earned a B.B.A. in Business Management from the University of Guam.

■ Gina A. Bascon has been promoted to vice president/project manager II from assistant vice president/project manager. With the bank since 2019, Bascon has been with the bank's Project Management Office. She was with GTA Tele-guam for 13 years in various capacities throughout the organization. A graduate of Notre Dame High School, Bascon holds a bachelor's degree in Accounting and a master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Guam, and received her Project Management Professional Certification in 2016.

■ Brandon Cruz has been promoted from assistant vice president/Kosrae branch manager to vice president/Palau branch manager. With the bank since 2007, Cruz has been a customer service associate and operations officer before joining the bank's Business Development team. Cruz then returned to the branch network, serving as the bank's Andersen branch manager before moving to Kosrae as their branch manager. Cruz earned a B.A. in Communications from the University of Guam and a master of arts in History from American Public University. (PR)



IMF: Low rates and reduced trade tension to aid world growth

WASHINGTON (AP)—Low interest rates and reduced trade tensions will likely buoy the global economy over the next two years and help nurture steady if modest growth.

That's the view of the International Monetary Fund, which foresees world economic growth accelerating from 2.9% last year to 3.3% in 2020 and 3.4% in 2021. The international economy is receiving a significant boost - 0.5 percentage point of growth last year and this year - from central banks' low-rate policies, the lending organization says in a global outlook report out Monday.

The U.S. Federal Reserve, for instance, cut rates three times last year and expects to keep rates low for the foreseeable future.

And an interim trade deal signed last week by the United States and China—the world's

two biggest economies—is expected to add 0.2 percentage point to global growth this year by lowering tariffs and improving business confidence. The global economy is rebounding from some temporary stumbles, including a lull in the launch of new technology products and new emissions standards that disrupted car production.

Still, the IMF warns that the global economy continues to face an array of risks, including the possibility that trade tensions will escalate again. And many countries aren't benefiting from the modest upswing in growth.

Presenting the report at a news conference in Davos, Switzerland, IMF chief Kristalina Georgieva said that after a slowdown in 2019 there should be "a moderate pickup in global growth this year and next."



LEADING INDICATORS

S&P	DOW	NASDAQ
3,329.62	29,348.10	9,388.94
+12.81	+50.50	+31.81
+0.39%	+0.17%	+0.34%

EXCHANGE RATES

In U.S. dollar terms	Australian Dollar	1.46	Indian Rupee	70.49	Singapore Dollar	1.35
	British Pound	0.77	Japanese Yen	109.93	South Korean Won	1,144.83
	Canadian Dollar	1.31	Malaysian Ringgit	4.03	Swiss Franc	0.97
	Chinese Yuan	6.77	New Zealand Dollar	1.51	Taiwan Dollar	29.47
	Euro	0.90	Philippine Peso	50.01	Thailand Baht	30.32

Nation

McConnell proposes swift impeachment trial with long days

WASHINGTON (AP)—On the eve of President Donald Trump's impeachment trial, the Senate leader proposed a compressed calendar for opening statements, White House lawyers argued for swift rejection of the "flimsy" charges and the Capitol braced for the contentious proceedings unfolding in an election year.

Final trial preparations were underway Monday on a tense day of plodding developments with Trump's legacy—and the judgment of both parties in Congress—at stake.

The president's legal team, in its first full filing for the impeachment court, argued that Trump did "absolutely nothing wrong" and urged the Senate to swiftly reject the "flawed" case against him.

"All of this is a dangerous perversion of the Constitution that the Senate should swiftly and roundly condemn," the president's lawyers wrote. "The articles should be rejected and the president should immediately be acquitted."

The brief from the White

House, and the House Democratic response, comes as the Senate could be facing 12-hour sessions for the rare Senate trial, with some of the very senators running to replace Trump as president sitting as jurors.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell proposed a condensed, two-day calendar for each side to give opening statements, ground rules that Democrats immediately rejected.

Voting on the Republican leader's resolution will be one of the first orders of business when senators convene Tuesday. It also pushes off any votes on witnesses until later in the process, rather than up front, as Democrats had demanded.

The Senate Democratic leader, Chuck Schumer, called the GOP leader's proposed rules package a "national disgrace."

Senators are poised for only the third presidential impeachment trial in U.S. history, coming just weeks before the first primaries of the 2020 elec-

tion season and as voters are assessing Trump's first term and weighing the candidates who want to challenge him in the fall.

House Democrats impeached the president last month on two charges: abuse of power by withholding U.S. military aid to Ukraine as he pressed the country to investigate Democratic rival Joe Biden, and obstruction of Congress by refusing to comply with their investigation.

The Constitution gives the House the sole power to impeach a president and the Senate the final verdict by convening as the impeachment court for a trial.

McConnell is angling for a speedy trial toward acquittal, and with Republicans holding the Senate majority, the proposal is likely to be approved by senators in the president's party.

"It's clear Sen. McConnell is hell-bent on making it



McConnell

much more difficult to get witnesses and documents and intent on rushing the trial through," Schumer said. He vowed to propose votes Tuesday to try to amend the rules package. He called it a "cover-up."

The first several days of the trial are now almost certain to be tangled in procedural motions playing out on the Senate floor or, more likely, behind closed doors, since senators must refrain from speaking during the trial proceedings.

At the White House, where the president was embarking for an overseas trip to the global leaders conference in Davos, Switzerland, officials welcomed the Republican trial proposal.

"We are gratified that the draft resolution protects the President's rights to a fair trial, and look forward to presenting a vigorous defense on the facts and the process as quickly as possible, and seeking an ac-

quittal as swiftly as possible," said White House Legislative Affairs Director Eric Ueland.

After the four days of opening arguments—two days per side—senators will be allowed up to 16 hours for questions to the prosecution and defense, followed by four hours of debate. Only then will there be votes on calling other witnesses.

At the end of deliberations, the Senate would then vote on each impeachment article.

McConnell had promised to set rules similar to the last trial, of President Bill Clinton in 1999, but his resolution diverged in key ways, which may leave some senators from both parties uneasy.

Republican Sen. Mitt Romney of Utah said in an email message to his constituents

Monday night that the resolution put forth by McConnell "overall, aligns closely with the rules package approved 100-0 during the Clinton trial." He is among a small number of Republican senators who want to consider witness testimony and documents that weren't part of the House impeachment investigation.

With security tightening at the Capitol, the House prosecutors led by Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff made their way through crowds of tourists in the Rotunda to tour the Senate chamber. The White House legal team led by Pat Cipollone and Jay Sekulow soon followed. Both sides were under instructions to keep the chamber doors closed to onlookers and the media.

Hawaii man suspected of killing 2 cops described as unhinged

HONOLULU (AP)—A Hawaii handyman with a history of run-ins with police and neighbors faced eviction when he stabbed his landlord and killed two officers before the house he and two women were believed to be inside burned, authorities and neighbors said.

Police responding Sunday to a call for help at the location found a woman stabbed in the leg and resident Jaroslav "Jerry" Hanel, began shooting, killing Officers Tiffany Enriquez, a seven-year veteran, and Kaulike Kalama, a nine-year veteran, Honolulu Police Chief Susan Ballard said.

Police suspect Hanel, who was in his 60s, and two women who have not been identified were inside the house when it caught fire. They were presumed dead and Ballard said it could take days to recover the remains and process evidence.

The fire destroyed seven homes and left others damaged. As it raged, the sound of dozens of apparent gunshots rang out.

Ballard said no other officers were injured but authorities were investigating whether ammunition, incendiary devices or explosives contributed to the intensity of the blaze. The apparent gunfire prompted authorities to initially prevent firefighters from approaching.

Sgt. Malcolm Lutu, president of Hawaii's statewide



This undated photo provided by the Honolulu Police Department shows Officers Tiffany Enriquez, left, and Kaulike Kalama. Enriquez and Kalama were killed Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020, while responding to a call.

police union, said he does not have any concerns about the approach police took in dealing with the situation.

"They had past dealings with him where no violence was present," Lutu said. "Where the shots came from, they were in a no-win situation."

Lutu said he knew one of the two officers personally. He said Officer Tiffany Enriquez, 37, was a single mother of three daughters and had one grandchild.

The homeowner, Lois Cain, had recently sought to evict Hanel, who lived in the home for free in exchange for his work, according to court records and his lawyer.

A neighbor told The Associated Press she saw Cain being put into an ambulance suffering from knife wounds. Her condition was not disclosed.

The normally peaceful neighborhood is at the far end of famed Waikiki Beach.

Ian Felix, a Honolulu resident and combat veteran with medical training, told the AP he was walking by the home when he saw a woman lying on the ground with blood coming from her leg.

Felix put a tourniquet on the woman's leg until the first police officer arrived. Two more officers arrived moments later; Felix said he then heard two gunshots and that he and the of-

ficer carried the injured woman into a neighbor's garage.

Neighbors described Hanel as mentally disturbed and Ballard said he did not have any gun permits.

Hawaii has some of the toughest gun laws in the U.S. Residents can't buy firearms without permits approved by local police, who check databases to make sure applicants have not been convicted of felonies or misdemeanor crimes.

People are also denied permits if they have been acquitted of crimes because of mental problems or have been diagnosed with significant mental, behavioral or emotional disorders.

ACROSS THE NATION

California police: Driver rammed into car, killing 3 teens

TEMESCAL VALLEY, Calif. (AP)—A Southern California driver intentionally rammed a Toyota Prius with six teenage boys inside, killing three and injuring three others before fleeing, authorities said Monday. The Prius went off the road and slammed into a tree at around 10:30 p.m. Sunday in Temescal Valley in Riverside County, southeast of Los Angeles. Anurag Chandra, 42, of Corona was arrested a short time later in a neighborhood near the crash site, according to the California Highway Patrol. "It was an intentional act," CHP Lt. David Yokley said at a news conference, although he did not disclose a motive. Firefighters freed some teens trapped in the car. One boy died at the scene and two others were pronounced dead at hospitals. Their names were not immediately released. The other victims had moderate injuries, authorities said.

Police: 2 dead in Texas club shooting, suspect arrested

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Police have arrested a 19-year-old man in a shooting that left two men dead and at least five people injured at a concert in San Antonio, Texas. Kieran Christopher Williams will be charged with capital murder for allegedly opening fire during an argument Sunday at a bar on the Museum Reach portion of the San Antonio River Walk, police said Monday. Officers

were called around 8 p.m. Sunday to the Ventura, where they found several people injured and the suspected gunman gone, after what a witness described as a chaotic rush to escape the gunfire. The medical examiner's officer identified the men killed as Robert Martinez, 21, and Alejandro Robles, 25, police said. A 46-year-old woman and four male teens between the ages of 16 and 19 were hurt but are expected to survive their injuries, police said.

Utah police: Boy accused in killing 4 not cooperating

A boy accused of shooting and killing four members of a Utah family and wounding a fifth surrendered peacefully following the Friday night slayings, but has since refused to speak with detectives trying to piece together a possible motive, police said Monday. Police in the small town of Grantsville released the names of the victims, who ranged from 14 to 52 years old, and said the boy was related to them. But authorities declined to specify the suspect's age, his relation to the victims or release his name at the request of the district attorney until formal charges are filed. The father of the family was released from the hospital after being treated for a gunshot wound and was talking with investigators, said Police Sgt. Rhonda Fields. She added that the killings were the first homicides in two decades in the town of 11,000 about 35 miles (55 kilometers) west of Salt Lake City. (AP)

Asia

China coronavirus claims 4th victim; more screenings added

BEIJING (AP)—A fourth person has died in an outbreak of a new coronavirus in China, authorities said Tuesday, as more places stepped up medical screening of travelers from the country as it enters its busiest travel period.

The increased control measures followed a sharp rise in the number of infections to more than 200 people since last month, with epidemiologists still uncertain of its nature and mode of transmission.

Chinese health authorities confirmed late Monday that some cases had been transmitted person-to-person, a development that means the illness could spread faster and more widely, particularly at the start of the Lunar New Year travel rush.

Concerned about a global outbreak similar to SARS, which spread from China to more than a dozen countries in 2002-2003, numerous nations have adopted screening measures for travelers arriving from China, especially those from the central city of Wuhan, where the outbreak is thought to have originated and which has accounted for the vast majority of the cases.

Australia's chief medical officer Brendan Murphy said his country will be increasing airport screening. Australia receives a significant number of travelers from China, including three direct flights a week from Wuhan into Sydney, and these flights will be met by border security and biosecurity staff for assessments, Murphy told reporters.

Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong and other countries and regions with extensive travel links to China are also enacting stricter screening mea-



AP
Travelers wear face masks as they walk outside of the Beijing Railway Station in Beijing, Monday, Jan. 20, 2020.

sures. At least three U.S. airports have started screening incoming airline passengers from central China.

Chinese authorities have confirmed cases in Wuhan, Beijing and Guangdong, with suspected cases in Shanghai and other parts of the country. Additionally, Thailand detected two cases among Chinese travelers and South Korea and Japan have reported one each.

The outbreak is believed to have started late last month among people connected to a seafood market in Wuhan, which had a total of 198 cases as of Monday. All four fatali-

ties have been in Wuhan, although it wasn't clear if the latest death was a new case or one already diagnosed.

The head of the China's expert team on the illness, respiratory expert Zhong Nanshan, said two people in Guangdong province in southern China caught the virus from family members, state media said.

Some medical workers have also tested positive for the virus, the English-language China Daily newspaper reported.

Chinese President Xi Jinping instructed government departments Monday to promptly release information

on the virus and deepen international cooperation.

China has notified and maintained close communication with the World Health Organization and other relevant countries and regions, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said at a regular news briefing.

Wuhan has also adopted measures to control the flow of people leaving the city, Geng said.

Initial symptoms of the novel coronavirus include fever, cough, tightness of the chest and shortness of breath, and some developed pneumonia.

On the Weibo social media platform, which is widely used in China, people posted prevention advice such as wearing masks and washing hands. Some people said they had canceled their travel plans and were staying home for Lunar New Year.

Everyone entering Beijing United Family Hospital on Tuesday was required to have their temperature checked as soon as they entered the door. The hospital provided surgical masks to all patients, who were told they had to wear them. All nurses, doctors and cleaning staff were also wear-

ing masks.

The initial cases were connected to a seafood market in Wuhan, which has been closed for an investigation.

The family of coronaviruses cause diseases ranging from the common cold to SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome.

SARS first infected people in southern China in late 2002 and spread to more than two dozen countries, killing nearly 800. The Chinese government initially tried to conceal the severity of the SARS epidemic, but its cover-up was exposed by a high-ranking physician.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Leopard runs into house before being captured in south India

HYDERABAD, India (AP)—A leopard that ran into a house and sparked a frantic search and a frenzy of attention in southern India on Monday has been caught and tranquilized. The big cat emerged from the Kamdanam forest and ran into a house in Shadnagar town in Telangana state, said Dr. Mohammad Abdul Hakeem, a wildlife official. After people were evacuated from the immediate area, wildlife officials worked to catch the animal and residents swarmed to watch and snap photos. A video shot by a resident showed the leopard resting on the terrace of a house. "The leopard was transported to the zoo, where it will be kept under observation and released back into the forests after couple of days," said Hakeem.

Sri Lanka to treat war-missing as dead, issue certificates

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)—Sri Lanka's president has decided that tens of thousands of people still missing from the country's quarter-century civil war will be formally declared dead and death certificates will be issued, his office said Monday. President Gotabaya Rajapaksa made his decision known last week during a meeting with the United Nations' resident coordinator in Colombo, his office said in a statement. "Most of them had been taken by the LTTE (Tamil Tiger rebels) or forcefully conscripted. The families of the missing attest to it," the statement said. "However they do not know what has become of them and so claim them to be missing." Relatives have been protesting for years demanding to know the whereabouts

of mostly ethnic Tamils who went missing during Sri Lanka's 26-year civil war, which ended in 2009 with the government's defeat of the Tamil Tiger rebels. The rebels were fighting for an independent state for the country's ethnic minority Tamils.

Unhealthy levels of smog choke Thai capital for over a week

BANGKOK (AP)—Unhealthy levels of smog have choked Bangkok for more than a week, as the Thai capital's residents fume over the ineffectiveness of government measures to combat the problem. As thick haze blanketed the city on Monday, pollution levels soared to 95 micrograms per cubic meter of PM 2.5 particle at noon in some areas, according to the government's Pollution Control Department, which described that level

as very unhealthy. The maximum level considered safe by the government is 50. PM 2.5 particles are small enough to penetrate deeply into the lungs, which can cause both short-term bronchial problems as well as serious long-term health issues. Bangkok's smog crisis results from still air and an excessive amount of ultrafine dust from vehicle emissions and other activities, Pollution Control Department Director-General Pralong Damrongthai explained in a Monday press release. He said smog is being trapped close to the ground by a blanket of warm air in what meteorologists call an inversion.

Myanmar panel: Security forces likely committed war crimes

NAYPYITAW, Myanmar (AP)—An independent commission estab-

lished by Myanmar's government has concluded there are reasons to believe that security forces committed war crimes in counterinsurgency operations that led more than 700,000 Rohingya Muslims to flee to neighboring Bangladesh. However, the commission, headed by a Philippine diplomat, said in a report given Monday to President Win Myint that there is no evidence supporting charges that genocide was planned or carried out against the Rohingya. The Independent Commission of Enquiry announced its findings in a statement posted on its Facebook page and the full report does not appear to have been publicly released. Nevertheless, it went further than any public statements issued by Myanmar's government in suggesting government forces were guilty of major abuses.

World

3 killed, 100-plus hurt in collapse during Ethiopia ceremony

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP)—At least three people were killed and more than 100 others injured when a wooden stand erected for the colorful Epiphany celebration collapsed in Ethiopia on Monday, an official and hospital source said.

The security chief for the city of Gondar, Tesfa Mekonnen, did not specify the number of deaths in comments to regional broadcaster Amhara Mass Media Agency. Tesfa said two foreigners were among the injured.

The stand was meant for up to

1,000 people but it became overloaded and collapsed, Tesfa said.

A hospital source in Ethiopia's city of Gondar confirmed that at least three people died. The source spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

The collapse occurred inside the Emperor Fasilides Bath in the northern city where several thousand Ethiopians and tourists attended the celebration commemorating the baptism of Jesus.

The Ethiopian News Agency reported that more than 15,000 for-

eigners attended the celebration in Gondar.

UNESCO late last year added Ethiopia's Epiphany festivities known as Timkat to its list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, which attracted more attendees.

Legion vows probe into cover-up of abused little girls

VATICAN CITY (AP)—The Legion of Christ religious order, already discredited because of its pedophile founder, announced a joint Vatican investigation Monday into the botched handling of a priest who sexually abused girls as young as 6 and suffered no punishment.

The horrific case of Fernando Martínez Suárez, which The Associated Press reported on Monday, has sparked a new credibility crisis just as the Legion was trying to show it had changed course 10 years after the Vatican determined it was a cult-like order built on secrecy, silence and obedience.

Its multiple failures, cover-ups and botched responses to Martínez's victims renewed calls from within the church that the Vatican should have suppressed the Legion altogether

rather than take it over and try to reform it a decade ago.

The AP report quoted Martínez's victims as saying a school administrator at the Colegio Cumbres in Cancun, Mexico, used to take them out of class and sent them to the chapel, where Martínez would molest them. One said he would sit her on his lap, pull her panties aside and digitally penetrate her while he masturbated.

The victims' families reported him to the Legion starting in 1992, but Martínez was merely transferred to a seminary in Salamanca, Spain, with no formal restrictions on his ministry. He was only defrocked last week after the victims came forward.

The Legion announced Monday it would conduct the joint investigation

with the Vatican into the handling of the case, vowing that all superiors involved would cooperate. A new commission would welcome victims and propose ways to repair the damage they suffered.

It also announced that the Legion priest who first took the complaints from Martínez's victims would stand down from a big meeting of superiors that opened Monday in Rome.

In a letter announcing his decision, the Rev. Eloy Bedia apologized to the victims but defended himself, saying all personnel decisions at the time were decided by the Legion's then-superior and founder, the Rev. Marcial Maciel.

Maciel, who was hailed by the Vatican during the pontificate of St. John Paul II, is the 20th century Catholic Church's most notori-

ous pedophile. The Vatican, which knew of his crimes starting in the 1940s, determined he raped his seminarians, fathered at least three children and built an entire order to cater to his whims.

The Martínez case, however, also confirmed Vatican complicity in the continuing cover-up. The papal delegate appointed to run the order, the late Cardinal Velasio De Paolis, learned of the case between 2011-2013 when he was asked to take action against Martínez since no proper investigation had ever been conducted.

But at the moment in which Martínez could have finally been brought to justice, De Paolis refused requests to report him to church and civil authorities, arguing that no other complaints had been received, according to an outside investigation commissioned by the Legion.

Britain's EU journey: When Churchill urged European unity

LONDON (AP)—Britain officially leaves the European Union on Jan. 31 after a debilitating political period that has bitterly divided the nation since the 2016 Brexit referendum.

Difficult negotiations setting out the new relationship between Britain and its European neighbors will continue throughout 2020. This series of stories chronicles Britain's tortured relationship with Europe from the post-World War II years to the present.

Europe has been a source of contention in Britain seemingly forever. That may be why no consensus has really ever existed over the benefits of being a member of the European Union and why the country has been so divided in the run-up to Brexit day.

Though there may be no bigger lovers of the horrors of Scandinavia or the beaches of Greece than the British, feelings for the EU have been far more lukewarm during the country's 47 years of membership. One of the ironies of Brexit is that Britain arguably now has some of the most passionate pro-EU supporters anywhere in the bloc.

Many reasons have been cited for the complex relationship. Maybe, an imperial past has cast a cloud over Britain's membership. Maybe it's just to do with the fact there is a strip of water separating the country from what is often referred to as "the continent." Britain has always been wary of the shifting alliances that have played out in Europe since the Norman conquest of 1066.

Whatever the primary motivation behind the Brexit vote in 2016, Britain has always perceived itself as a land apart.

Ironically, it was Winston Churchill who called for a "kind of United States of Europe" in the grim aftermath of World War II.

In a speech in Zurich in 1946, a year after the end of the war and after he had been resoundingly ousted as British prime minister in a general election, Churchill outlined his vision for post-war Europe.

Peace and prosperity, he said, could only come if France and Germany put aside their centuries of mistrust and start operating as partners.

Migrants scuffle with Mexican troops along border river

CIUDAD HIDALGO, Mexico (AP)—Hundreds of Central American migrants waded across the Suchiate River into southern Mexico on Monday in a new test of U.S. President Donald Trump's Central America strategy to keep them away from the U.S. border.

Some scuffled with national guardsmen on the riverbank while others slipped through Mexican lines and trudged off on a rural highway in small groups. Immigration authorities nabbed more there and chased others into the brush.

Most, however, remained at the river's edge or stood in its muddy waters trying to decide what to do next, after being blocked from crossing en masse over the border bridge leading to Ciudad Hidalgo.

"Mexico's president said he would give us work and an opportunity and look," said Esther Madrid, a Honduran vendor who left her six children in Honduras. Sitting on a rock among dozens of people who didn't know what to do next, she offered only one word when asked if she would consider returning to San Pedro Sula: "Never."

Mexico's strategy, developed after the first migrant caravan in late 2018, to break up the mass of people repeatedly and into increasingly smaller groups appeared to be working. Over the weekend, government officials convinced about 1,000 people they should enter legally over the border bridge.

On Monday, migrants were detained at the river and along the high-



A disabled Honduran migrant who is missing a leg, returns to the Guatemala shore of the Suchiate river on the border with Mexico, in Tecun Uman, Guatemala, Monday, Jan. 20, 2020.

AP

way. Those who continued could expect a gauntlet of highway checkpoints while trying to move north.

After the river crossing Monday, Mexico's National Immigration Institute issued a statement saying that it would detain any migrants without legal status, hold them in detention centers and deport those who did not legalize their status.

As feared, children suffered most in the clashes. On the Mexican riverbank an unconscious 14-year-old girl was carried away for medical attention. A guardsman said she had started convulsing in the commotion.

Later along the highway, a mother sobbed after realizing her youngest

daughter had been separated when migrants tried to escape authorities. Sauri Marubeny Ortega had been walking with her four daughters, ages 5 to 16. Another migrant who had been helping her by carrying the 5-year-old ran in another direction when the migrants scattered and she hadn't been able to locate them.

"When the federales' cars began arriving, he ran off that way and I took off after him," she said. But when she saw an agent nab another daughter she didn't know who to help and lost sight of the youngest.

"I just beg the person who has her to leave her in a safe place and tell the police," the mother said as members

of Mexico's migrant assistance force, Grupo Beta, loaded her and three of her girls into an ambulance. "I don't want to leave here without my daughter."

The migrants started the day on the bridge connecting Guatemala and Mexico, where they read aloud a letter asking Mexico President Andrés Manuel López Obrador for permission to cross Mexico en route to the U.S. border.

Mexican officials replied that free passage not be offered. They urged the migrants to enter legally, registering at the bridge and seeking protection and work permits if they wished to remain in Mexico. It was an offer many migrants viewed with suspicion.

Focus

Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Faith, politics mix on holiday

By JEFF AMY
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ATLANTA (AP)—Against the backdrop of a presidential election year, Monday's Martin Luther King Jr. holiday found leaders still wrestling over how to best embody the slain civil rights leader.

In Atlanta, Republicans told a sometimes cool crowd at Ebenezer Baptist Church, King's onetime church, that they were honoring King's legacy of service and political empowerment. But Democrats found more favor by highlighting the ways they said the current political and social order calls for more radical action in line with King's principles.

Monday's speeches at Ebenezer Baptist were just one slice of the political struggle in Georgia, where Democrats believe they can make further inroads in the Republican controlled state, aided by diverse in-migration and a suburban backlash against President Donald Trump.

Up for re-election this year, Trump sought to stamp his own mark on the commemoration. He and Vice President Mike Pence made a brief visit to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial in Washington. Earlier in the day, Trump sent a tweet noting that it was the third anniversary of his inauguration: "So appropriate that today is also MLK jr DAY. African-American Unemployment is the LOWEST in the history of our Country, by far. Also, best Poverty, Youth, and Employment numbers, ever. Great!"

Black unemployment has reached a record low during the Trump administration, but many economists note economic growth since 2009 has driven hiring. The most dramatic drop in black unemployment came under President Barack Obama. Despite economic success, polls find most African American voters regard Trump with distaste.

In Atlanta, Republican U.S. Sen. Kelly Loeffler, ap-



Dr. Bernice King, daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. speaks during the Martin Luther King, Jr. annual commemorative service at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta on Monday, Jan. 20, 2020.

pointed last month by Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp, said her upbringing on an Illinois farm was touched by King.

"Dr. King's call to service, to sacrifice, to put others first, it shaped our home and inspired us to ask what Dr. King asked the world. 'What are you doing for others?'" Loeffler said.

One of Loeffler's Democratic opponents in a November special election could be the Rev. Raphael Warnock, the current pastor at Ebenezer, which King and his father once led. Warnock, without mentioning Loeffler by name, said that honoring King means more than just voicing "lip service" on one weekend a year.

"Everyone wants to be seen standing where Dr. King stood. That's fine, you're welcome," said Warnock, who could soon announce a Senate run. "But if today you would stand in this holy place, where Dr. King stood, make sure, that come tomorrow, we'll find you standing where Dr. King stood."

Of King, Warnock said that "too many people like to remember him and dismember him at the same time," calling Georgia "ground zero for voter suppression" and citing the failure of the state's Republican leadership to fully expand the Medicaid health insurance program.

Others agreed with him, with keynote speaker Rev. Howard-John Wesley of Alexandria, Virginia, telling attend-

ees that "we have lost the radicality" of King's vision, talking about how King attacked the Vietnam War and the unequal American economy at the end of his career.

Loeffler made no mention of Trump or the Senate impeachment trial, but Democratic U.S. Rep Hank Johnson did, drawing applause when he mentioned impeachment and saying American democracy is "in grave danger."

"Our communities are once again finding themselves on the front lines of fighting to protect our very republic," Johnson said. "And it can be easy, brothers and sisters, in moments like these to despair. But even in our darkest hours, the legacy of Dr. King is a hope that dawn will come."

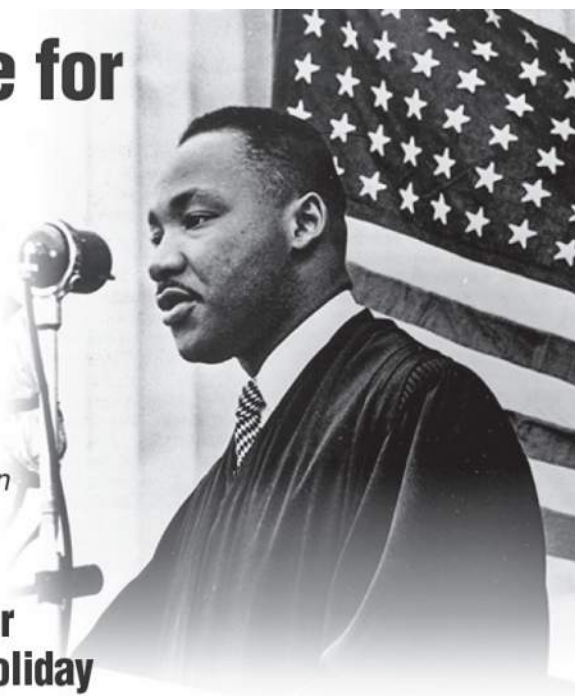
Georgia's Republican Secretary of State, Brad Raffensperger took the stage, seeking to build confidence that his office supports broad voter participation and that the state's new voting machines will guarantee a fair vote. Democrats led by former gubernatorial nominee Stacey Abrams have attacked his actions, including a mass purge of inactive voters from the state's voting rolls.

"Every voter gets one vote. We all have a voice. We all count," Raffensperger said.

King's daughter Bernice spoke about the King holiday becoming a day of service, "a day on, not a day off." She said the holiday needs a broad-

The struggle for MLK Day

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a federal holiday honoring the achievements of Martin Luther King Jr. - the chief spokesman for nonviolent activism in the civil rights movement to end racial segregation. It is observed on the third Monday of January each year.



The long road to honor King's memory as a holiday

- 1968** King assassinated in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4; four days later, U.S. Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., introduces a bill to create the holiday, but it never comes to a vote.
- 1971** Congress receives more than 6 million signatures in support of the holiday, but takes no action.
- 1979** Conyers' bill defeated in the House by five votes.
- 1981** Benefit concert, rally and march in Washington, on Jan. 15, King's birthday; Stevie Wonder's "Happy Birthday" song becomes an anthem for the pro-holiday movement.
- 1983** Bill creating the holiday passes Congress despite opposition, especially from Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C.; President Ronald Reagan, who opposes the bill, signs it into law, knowing Congress would override his veto.
- 1986** Holiday goes into effect; only 27 states and the District of Columbia honor it; southern states start passing laws combining MLK Day with those honoring Confederate generals.
- 1987** Arizona Gov. Evan Mecham rescinds the holiday, triggering tourism and business boycotts against the state; NFL subsequently votes to move 1993 Super Bowl from Tempe, Ariz., to Pasadena, Calif.
- 1992** Arizona votes to accept the holiday; NFL returns Super Bowl to Tempe in 1996.
- 1994** Congress designates MLK Day a national day of service.
- 1999** New Hampshire adopts MLK Day as a paid holiday, replacing its optional Civil Rights Day.
- 2000** Virginia splits Lee-Jackson Day, honoring confederate generals, from MLK Day; Utah renames its Human Rights Day as MLK Day, becoming the last state to recognize the day by King's name; South Carolina becomes the last state to make the day a paid holiday.

Source: Congressional Black Caucus, About.com, calendar-12.com
Graphic: Staff, TNS

er vision.

"A day on is not enough. What we need is a light on, committed to working vigilantly to build the beloved community," she said. "A light on encompasses a commitment not just to service but to systemic change as well."

The same kind of wrestling over what King means in the present moment was taking place elsewhere, with Pence speaking Sunday at a church service in Memphis, Tennessee.

Pence spoke at the Holy City Church of God in Christ

about King's religion and how he "challenged the conscience of a nation to live up to our highest ideals by speaking to our common foundation of faith."

Acknowledging the nation's divisions, Pence said that if Americans rededicate themselves to the ideals that King advanced while striving to open opportunities for everyone, "we'll see our way through these divided times and we'll do our part in our time to form a more perfect union."

As a presidential election looms this fall, divisions rattle, according to recent opinion polls.

Among black Americans, more than 80% said last year that President Donald Trump's actions in office have made things worse for people like them, while only 4% said they thought Trump's actions have been good for African Americans in general. That's according to a poll conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Good Housekeeping

6 tips for getting a jump on spring cleaning

By BARTON GOLDSMITH
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We all have things to do that we hate doing, and make us uncomfortable. That being said, a little organization can

ease your anxiety and actually make you feel better. We all have mindless tasks that we need to do but tend to put off for various reasons, but the truth is we just don't choose to make the time to do them. If you approach this as emotional cleansing as well as a physical one, it will give you the added motivation you need and benefit of helping to clear out your mind.

1. Computer cleanup. Clean out your email box, update your online accounts, unsubscribe to anything you don't read, re-set your passwords (add a password app), and delete any old files that aren't going to be opened again. File your loose documents and make sure everything is backed up.

2. Donate your old clothes and blankets, shoes, and reading glasses. So many people can use these items you have grown out of or that no longer work for you. My feet grew a half size, so out with the old and in with feeling good about yourself for mak-

ing the effort to be mindful and giving; it's more work than just throwing things out but it feels right.

3. Consolidate your credit cards. These can collect. If they offered a bag of brown rice for signing up, I would get one: the Star Trek card didn't even come with a T-shirt; just like the Har-

ley Davidson, I liked the way it looked. Unfortunately, when a card came along that I wanted

A little organization around the house can make you feel better, and donating older items such as blankets, shoes, and reading glasses is a good place to start.

CAROLYN FRANKS/DREAMSTIME/TNS

for the point perks, I was declined because I had too many cards. Lesson learned. Now I have only three, and they all have perks that we actually use.

4. Clean out your junk drawers. Most of us have too many. I know of several in my office alone. Some even have themes, stuff that I had as a kid, old sunglasses, things we might need in the house but really should go to the garage. Much of this stuff can be thrown out or given away.

Sometimes it's hard to figure out what needs to go where, but if you just do a little online research, you can find lots of good ideas.

5. Organize your pictures. The older you get, the more important these will become. Don't rely on the Cloud or Facebook, but make sure you have a separate backup for photos. When your computer or phone crashes, gets stolen or lost, you will thank yourself for doing this. Special backup drives and apps are available.

6. Clean your desk. Where I once thought that a messy desk was a sign of creativity if not genius, I now appreciate being able to find things without digging through a bunch of papers. It also helps you keep better track of important things like bills from your health insurance (which I found on a messy desk while searching for a misplaced credit card).

Most of us need some motivation and even a little assistance in this area. I once cleaned out a home-office desk for an old friend, and she did the same for me, and it was a great exchange. Organization will give you more peace of mind and ultimately save your most valuable asset: time.

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KITCHEN MAGIC

Healthy French Toast

Our slimmed-down take on this Sunday-morning favorite is practically saintly. Subbing in low-fat milk and egg whites gives it half the fat and a third less cholesterol than traditional French toast. Plus, it's a cinch to whip up. One more blessing in disguise: You can still serve it with maple syrup, which is naturally fat-free.

2 large egg whites
1 large egg
3/4 cup(s) low-fat (1%) milk
1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
Salt
2 teaspoons margarine or butter
8 slices firm whole-wheat bread
Maple syrup (optional)

1. Heat oven to 200 F. In pie plate, with whisk, beat egg whites, egg, milk, vanilla and 1/2 teaspoon salt until blended. In 12-inch nonstick skillet, on medium heat, melt 1 teaspoon margarine.

2. Dip bread slices, one at a time, in egg mixture, pressing bread lightly to coat both sides well. Place 3 or 4 slices in skillet, and cook 6 to 8 minutes or until lightly browned on both sides.

3. Transfer French toast to cookie sheet; keep warm in oven. Repeat with remaining margarine, bread slices and egg mixture. Serve French toast with maple syrup and berries or other fruit, if you

like. Makes 4 servings.

*Each serving: About 300 calories, 9g total fat (2g saturated), 56mg cholesterol, 755mg sodium, 46g total carbohydrate, 6g dietary fiber, 12g protein.

Stuffed French Toast

Peanut butter isn't just for kids' lunchboxes anymore! It adds protein and flavor to family meals from breakfast to dinner.

2 large eggs
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup peanut butter
8 slices white bread
1 banana, sliced diagonally
1 tablespoon margarine or butter

1. In pie plate, with fork, beat eggs and milk. Spread peanut butter on the eight slices of bread. Top 4 slices of bread with banana slices. Top with remaining pieces of bread, to make 4 sandwiches. Dip in egg mixture to coat.

2. In 12-inch nonstick skillet, melt butter on medium. Add sandwiches and cook for 6 minutes, or until golden on both sides. Drizzle with maple syrup. Makes 4 servings.

For thousands of triple-tested recipes, visit www.goodhousekeeping.com/food-recipes/. (Hearst Communications, Inc.)

Most coffee makers are crawling with germs and growing mold. Here's why

By ADRIANNA RODRIGUEZ
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If you're an avid coffee drinker, you're probably making multiple trips to the kitchen to get your fix. But have you ever thought about how dirty your home or office coffee maker can get after all those uses?

Whether it's the single-serve Keurig, espresso Nespresso machine or a traditional coffee maker, it's important to keep these appliances clean to prevent the growth of bacteria, yeast or even mold.

Lisa Yakas, senior product manager of Consumer Products at NSF International, formerly known as the National Sanitation Foundation, says that these appliances are relatively harmless as long as clients follow the manufacturer's cleaning directions.

However, without routine cleaning, they can get pretty grimy.

Mold and yeast like to grow in your coffee maker

Yakas points to the water reservoir—the part of the coffee maker that stores water—as one of the dirtiest parts of the kitchen if not cleaned on a regular basis.

A NSF International study of kitchen products in 2011 found that 50% of the sampled reservoirs in coffee makers had mold or yeast.

"It wasn't on their radar," Yakas said of the families involved in the study.

According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, food borne yeast and mold can be a source of sensitivity for people with allergies and may even cause infections.

Yakas recommends to always empty out the unused water in the reservoir and leave the lid off to let it dry out.

"Some of these organisms like these moist and damp places, that's where they like to grow," Yakas said. "If you eliminate that moisture altogether... then you eliminate their conditions to grow."

Her motto is "keep it dry and keep it clean."

Other places germs appear in and around your coffee maker

Chuck Gerba, professor of microbiology at the University of Arizona, said coffee break rooms have more bacteria than restrooms in most office buildings.

If the office has a coffee pot, Gerba says the first thing that gets germiest is the coffee pot handle. However, on a single-use machine, he says the top of the machine where the people place the plastic pod has the most germs.

"When you use the machine, it could get in your coffee," he said.

Gerba also said that another big source of germs are coffee cups, especially if they're shared amongst co-workers. A 1997 study he co-authored examining office coffee cups found that E. coli and even fecal matter were found in some of the cups.

According to Gerba, the sponges that people were using to clean out their cups were actually contaminating them. If the office has a dishwasher, he recommends using it.

"Dishwashers work great because you have a high temperature and it dries out," he said.

However, if the sponge can't be avoided, Gerba says it's important to wipe the coffee cup dry with a paper towel instead of using a cloth or letting it dry out on a rack.

How to clean your coffee

maker: Keurig, Nespresso, Black & Decker, Mr. Coffee

Both Gerba and Yakas say that the heat from the coffee maker can kill most germs, but it shouldn't replace ritual cleaning or descaling, which should happen every one to six months depending on the manufacturer's recommendations.

"While it's possible the heat of coffee brewing might kill some microbes, why take a chance?" Yakas said. "We think it's best to go to the source and keep the coffee maker clean."

So, here's how to properly clean your coffee maker according to the product's manufacturer:

Keurig: Turn off the Keurig and empty out the water reservoir, removing the filter. Pour Keurig descaling solution into the reservoir. After pouring the entire solution in, fill the empty bottle with water and add that into the reservoir. Power the Keurig back on, place a mug, perform a cleansing brew using 10 oz. brew size and then pour out the contents of the mug. Repeat until the "add water" light comes on.

Life & Style

Prince wrongful death case dismissed; estate case continues

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—A wrongful death lawsuit filed by Prince's family members has been quietly dismissed in recent months, suggesting family members have reached settlements with defendants including the Minnesota doctor who saw Prince in the weeks before his death and the Illinois hospital that treated him for an opioid overdose seven days before he died.

The dismissals largely close one legal chapter in the superstar's legacy, even as efforts drag on to value and dispose of his estate once pegged at around \$200 million.

Prince was 57 when he died of an accidental fentanyl overdose on April 21, 2016,

without leaving a will. No one was criminally charged in his death and the source of the counterfeit pills that killed him remains unknown.

Prince's heirs filed a wrongful death lawsuit against a slew of defendants in April 2018, alleging they had the duty and opportunity to diagnose and treat Prince's addiction and prevent his death, but failed to do so.

But as early as last summer, plaintiffs began dismissing defendants.

Claims against Dr. Michael Schulenberg—a doctor who treated Prince in the weeks before his death—were permanently dismissed in November, along with claims against Schulenberg's former

employer. Both sides agreed to the dismissals.

Claims against Walgreens, which filled prescriptions for Prince, and Trinity Medical Center, the Illinois hospital where Prince was treated for an opioid overdose a week before he died, were also permanently dismissed in August by agreement.

Attorneys in the case either declined comment or did not return messages to The Asso-

ciated Press. But Henry Blair, a professor at Mitchell Hamline School of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota, said the dismissal language—with agreement by defendants and plaintiffs—leaves him “99.99% sure those are settlements.”

A medical negligence claim against Howard Kornfeld, a California addiction specialist who was contacted by Prince's associates before he died, was dismissed by a judge in Sep-

tember, but remains alive on appeal. Prince's family says Kornfeld had a duty to advise Prince's associates that he should be immediately admitted for treatment. But the judge found no evidence that Kornfeld ever communicated with Prince or that a doctor-patient relationship was established.

An autopsy found Prince overdosed on fentanyl. Authorities said it was likely

Prince didn't know he was taking the synthetic opioid that is 50 times more powerful than heroin.

Authorities said Schulenberg admitted prescribing the opioid oxycodone to Prince's bodyguard in the days before Prince died, knowing the drug would go to Prince. He disputes that allegation, although he paid \$30,000 to settle a federal civil violation alleging the drug was prescribed illegally.

Robert De Niro gets political as he accepts SAG Awards honor

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Robert De Niro received the Screen Actors Guild lifetime achievement award Sunday to praise for his illustrious career and thunderous applause from his fellow performers, but spent much of his acceptance speech on politics.

“There's right and there's wrong, and there's common sense and there's abuse of power,” said De Niro, who received a standing ovation that lasted nearly a minute after Leonardo DiCaprio presented him with the award. About half of the room stood and applauded when De Niro said it was his responsibility to speak about politics and seemingly took aim at President Donald Trump, whose name he didn't mention.

“As a citizen, I have as much right as anybody—an actor, an athlete, anybody else—to voice my opinion,” De Niro said. “And if I have a bigger voice because of my situation, I'm going to use it whenever I see a blatant abuse of power.”

De Niro became the 56th recipient of the guild's highest honor during the ceremony held at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

The actor has been a frequent, and occasionally profane, critic of Trump, but kept his criticism Sunday G-rated. He ended the politics portion of his speech by saying, “That's all I'm going to say.”

‘Parasite’ parties, Leo greets young fans inside SAG Awards

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Off-camera and during commercials, the stars at the Screen Actors Guild Awards got to rub shoulders, give congratulatory kisses, and meet for the first or the 50th time. Here are some of the more memorable moments from inside Sunday night's ceremony at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

PARTY TIME FOR ‘PARASITE’

The “Parasite” table was one of the happier places in the Shrine ballroom—and that was before its cast won the night's biggest award. Song Kang Ho and the film's other stars got whoops, whistles and a standing ovation from much of the room of mostly American actors early in the show, when they took the stage to present their nominated film. That was followed by a full-blown ovation at the end, when theirs became the first foreign-language film to win the best ensemble SAG Award. In the two hours between, the gleeful cast and director Bong Joon Ho, savored their moment in the Hollywood spotlight, taking group selfies during every commercial break. They greeted a steady stream of fellow-actor fans, including Steve Buscemi. “I'm a little embarrassed,” cast member Lee Sun Kyun said after the show through a translator. “We're feeling a little like the parasites of Hollywood now.”

SOME SAG STARS LOOM LARGER THAN OTHERS

TV and movie screens tend to obscure actors' heights, but when they're all in a room together it's very clear who looms over whom. The winners of the show's first two awards for actresses, Phoebe Waller-Bridge and Laura



This combination photo shows Jennifer Aniston with the award for outstanding performance by a female actor in a drama series for “The Morning Show,” left, and Brad Pitt with the award for outstanding performance by a male actor in a supporting role for “Once Upon a Time in Hollywood” at the 26th annual Screen Actors Guild Awards at the Shrine Auditorium & Expo Hall on Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020, in Los Angeles.

Dern, both reportedly 5-foot-10, made it seem like the night was going to be dominated by the tallest nominees, but the trend ended there. The win of a much shorter Joaquin Phoenix—for “Joker”—over a reportedly 6-foot-3 Adam Driver for best actor in a film was more typical of the night. And the tallest actor and actress in the crowd, Stephen Merchant of “Jojo Rabbit,” who stands about 6-foot-7, and Gwendoline Christie of “Game of Thrones,” who stands about 6-foot-3, never got to take the stage with their casts, over whom they towered when they stood up during commercial breaks.

LITHGOW VISITS DRIVER'S SEAT

John Lithgow is even taller than Driver, and is nearly 40 years older, but it was Lithgow doing the looking up when the two met for the first time during a commercial break. Lithgow, nominated along with the rest of the cast of “Bomb-

shell,” smiled and gushed to Driver, nominated for best actor for “Marriage Story,” expressing his admiration for Driver's run of recent performances. “Great to meet you Adam,” Lithgow said with enthusiasm as the SAG Awards telecast returned from commercial and Lithgow rejoined Charlize Theron, Margot Robbie and his other cast mates at the neighboring table.

SMALL STARS SCRAMBLE FOR SAG SELFIES

You could be excused for thinking it was Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work day for the professional actors of the SAG Awards. Actually, the wee ones running around the ballroom were acting pros, too, on a night where children abounded among the nominees. The kid actors from “Big Little Lies,” including brothers Cameron and Nicholas Crovetti, were all over the ballroom during commercial breaks, taking photos

with stars including their cast mates Nicole Kidman and Reese Witherspoon. Twelve-year-old Roman Griffin Davis sat proudly at his table like he utterly belonged alongside his fellow “Jojo Rabbit” cast members, who include Scarlett Johansson. Leonardo DiCaprio politely spoke to a steady stream of people excited to meet him during commercial breaks, but he positively beamed when his 10-year-old “Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood” co-star Julia Butters, in a shiny silver suit, brought three young friends to meet him. He greeted each of them with a huge grin just moments before he lost out on best actor to Phoenix.

DE NIRO AND STREEP MAKE SAG CROWD SWOON

If anyone inspired more awe in the ballroom than DiCaprio it was Robert De Niro, to whom DiCaprio presented the SAG Life Achievement

Award during the ceremony. Many major stars came to pay tribute to De Niro as he sat at a table that included his “The Irishman” co-stars Al Pacino and Harvey Keitel. But when Meryl Streep—his co-star in “The Deer Hunter” more than 40 years ago—stopped by to exchange kisses and kudos, photographers descended in droves and phone cameras came out on all sides to capture the meetup of the pair that many regard as the greatest actor and actress of their generation.

TELLING TELEPROMPTERS

Virtually the entire ballroom can see the SAG Awards telecast's teleprompters if they look over their shoulder, and can see who's going off-script. When Ray Romano said while introducing the best ensemble nomination for “The Irishman” that he still couldn't believe he played a mob lawyer opposite De Niro and Keitel, Keitel roasted him by responding “I can't believe it either.” Romano replied, “Hey, that's not up there,” pointing at the teleprompter. Romano was right. It wasn't.

MR. ROGERS, JUDY GARLAND ARE NEIGHBORS

Actors usually sit with their cast mates at SAG Awards tables, but sometimes the seating chart yields more novel pairings, like the adjacent placement of Tom Hanks, nominated for “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood,” and Renée Zellweger, nominated for “Judy.” The pairing made theirs a popular table for fans and cameras, and it proved prescient. They met up again onstage late in the show, when Hanks handed Zellweger the trophy for best actress in a film.

Prince Harry hopes for calmer future, but not much chance

LONDON (AP)—Prince Harry says he's taking a "leap of faith" as he steps back from royal duties in an attempt to build a more peaceful life—one free of the journalists who have filmed, photographed and written about him since the day he was born.

Fat chance.

As Harry reportedly flew out of Britain on Monday to be reunited with his wife Meghan in Canada, many predicted the prince and the former TV star would struggle to escape global fame and its pressures.

"They believe that if they are not representing the monarchy any longer, the tabloid press will eventually go away because it will be so expensive for them—that there won't be the same savage approach. They feel they will be able to control it more from Canada," said Pauline Maclaran, a business professor at Royal Holloway University of London and author of "Royal Fever: The British Monarchy in Consumer Culture."

"I don't think they are being very realistic."

Harry has long had a frosty relationship with the media, and on Sunday he made it clear that the press was a major reason for the couple's decision to step back from royal life. In a personal speech that referenced his mother, Princess Diana, who died in a car accident in 1997 while being pursued by paparazzi, he said he had "no other option" but to step away.

Harry has accused the media of directing "a wave of abuse and harassment" at the biracial Meghan, including "racial undertones" in articles. Both he and Meghan filed lawsuits last year against press outlets over alleged intrusion into their private lives. At the time, Harry gave an interview drawing parallels between the treatment of his wife and the media frenzy that contributed to the death of his mother.

"When I lost my mum 23 years ago, you took me under your wing," Harry said Sunday at a London dinner for Sentebale, his Africa-based charity supporting youngsters affected by HIV. "You looked out for me for so long, but the media is a powerful force. And my hope is one day our collective support for each other can be more powerful, because this is so much bigger than just us."

The comments were Harry's first since Saturday night, when his grandmother, Queen Elizabeth II, announced the terms under which the prince and his wife will walk away from most royal duties, give up public funding and try to become financially independent. The couple, who were named the Duke and Duchess

of Sussex on their wedding day, are expected to spend most of their time in Canada while maintaining a home in England near Windsor Castle.

Meghan has already returned to Canada, where the couple spent a Christmas break with their 8-month-old son, Archie. Harry continued in his royal role Monday, attending a U.K.-Africa investment summit in London alongside British Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

But he did not appear alongside brother Prince William at an evening reception for African leaders. The BBC and other media outlets reported that he was on a plane bound for the



Prince Harry

west coast of Canada. They spent the holiday season on Vancouver Island, while Meghan worked for seven years in Toronto where she filmed the TV series "Suits."

Experts on branding and the royals believe the golden couple will, if anything, get even more attention than they do now. Though the couple have expressed disdain for the royal rota—a pool system that gives British journalists access to royal events—the system also served to control media demands. Now, all bets are off.

"The paparazzi will follow them everywhere they go," said Jonathan Shalit, a celebrity agent and chairman of London-based InterTalent

Rights Group. "A picture of Meghan going to the shops in Vancouver will have value. I certainly think the kind of attention going forward is going to be harder to control."

And if they want to be financially independent, they won't be able to avoid the media altogether, because clients who pay for their services will want the publicity that comes with a connection to them, Shalit said as he predicted the couple could become a billion-dollar brand. They can expect lucrative deals, such as multi-million-dollar book packages and speaking fees, he said.

Shalit said the Sussexes would outstrip former President Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle, in earning power.

"They are 100% more

valuable than the Obamas," he said. "The Obamas aren't royal. They are."

Media companies are likely partners. Ted Sarandos, the chief content officer of streaming giant Netflix, told Britain's Press Association he would be interested in working with them, adding: "Who wouldn't be interested?"

The queen's statement on Saturday said the agreement, reached after crisis talks among the top royals and their staff, was a "constructive and supportive way forward."

Under the terms of the deal, Harry and Meghan will no longer receive public funds and they won't use their "royal highness" titles once they stop performing royal duties—although they will formally retain them. They will no longer

represent the queen, and Harry must relinquish his honorary military appointments, including his role as Captain General of the Royal Marines.

Harry's speech made it clear that he and Meghan were disappointed that they won't be allowed to carry on with some royal duties as they seek to cut the palace's purse strings.

James Dean revival spurs debate on raising the digital dead

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The men bringing James Dean back to life for a forthcoming film are aiming not just to give his digital likeness a role, but a whole new career.

Dean's planned appearance in the Vietnam War movie "Finding Jack," and the possibility of future parts, comes as digital de-aging and duplication of real actors has tipped from cinematic trick into common practice. And it's giving new life to old arguments about the immortality and dignity of the dead.

"Our intentions are to create the virtual being of James Dean. That's not only for one movie, but going to be used for many movies and also gaming and virtual reality," said Travis Cloyd, CEO of Worldwide XR, who is leading the design on the Dean project. "Our focus is on building the ultimate James Dean so he can live across any medium."

Legally, they have every right to do it, via the full agreement of the Dean estate and his surviving relatives.

"Our clients want to protect these valuable intellectual property rights and the memories that they have of their loved ones," said Mark Roesler, CEO of CMG Worldwide, the legal and licensing company that has long owned the title to Dean's likeness. "We have to trust them. ... They want to see that their loved one's image and memory continues to live on."

Dean is an obvious candidate for revival with his embodiment-of-Hollywood image and the brevity of his life and career—he died at 24 and made just three films: "East of Eden," "Rebel Without a Cause" and "Giant."

Experts say Vincent van Gogh self-portrait is genuine



A journalist takes a closer look at the previously contested painting by Dutch master Vincent van Gogh, a 1889 self-portrait, of which the authenticity was confirmed during a press conference in Amsterdam, Netherlands, Monday, Jan. 20, 2020.

AP

AMSTERDAM (AP)—After years of doubts about its authenticity, experts in Amsterdam have confirmed that a Vincent van Gogh self-portrait was indeed painted by the Dutch master as he recovered in a French asylum from a mental breakdown.

Van Gogh Museum researcher Louis van Tilborgh dispelled the doubts Monday, saying the oil-on-canvas painting of the anguished-looking painter was completed in the late summer of 1889 while Van Gogh was at the Saint-Remy asylum in southern France.

Questions about the painting rose in the 1970s. The use of a palette knife to flatten brush strokes on Van Gogh's face and what were then con-

sidered to be unusual colors in the painting led to speculation about the authenticity of the work, which was bought as a genuine Van Gogh in 1910 by Norway's National Museum.

In an attempt to put those doubts to rest, the museum asked the Van Gogh Museum to analyze the painting in 2014.

"It feels really reassuring to know that it's genuine," said Mai Britt Guleng of the Norwegian museum.

Van Tilborgh said the use of an unprimed canvas and a muddy green color were, in fact, typical of Van Gogh's time in Saint-Remy in 1889.

What sets the work apart is Van Gogh's use of a palette knife.

"So he has painted it and during the process he sud-

denly decides that it has to become flat," Van Tilborgh said. "We tend to think that it has to do with the fact that it's made during a period of psychosis."

Van Tilborgh said Van Gogh used painting as both a way of portraying his mental breakdown and of helping him to recover.

"He wanted to say in this picture that he was an ill person and so it's a kind of therapeutic work we tend to think," he said. "He was a Protestant and as a Protestant you have to accept the facts of life—if you suffer, you have to face the suffering."

Norway's most famous artistic son, painter Edvard Munch, whose iconic work, "The Scream," also is a vivid expression of mental anguish,

was fascinated by the Van Gogh painting.

"He thought it was one of the best of the collection of the national gallery but he also found it scary, because of the gaze from the self-portrait staring back at him," Guleng said.

The painting will remain on display at the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam before returning to Oslo in 2021, when the National Museum, currently closed for renovation, reopens in a new building.

"When we delivered the painting in '14 they warned us and said 'You might not like the results and it might be that we will never find out.'" Guleng said. "So we were very happy when we got the news."

#MeToo prosecutors deploy experts early to thwart defense

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When his trial opens in the coming days, Harvey Weinstein's defense team is expected to go on the offensive against the women who have accused him of rape and sexual assault, in part by questioning if they acted like victims afterward.

New York City prosecutors intend to counter with a strategy that's taken hold since the 2018 retrial of comedian Bill Cosby: calling a sex crimes expert as a witness to dispel assumptions about how rape and sexual assault victims behave after an attack.

In fact, Weinstein's prosecutors are using the very same expert, Dr. Barbara Ziv. She was the first prosecution witness at Cosby's retrial and is expected to testify early in Weinstein's trial this month.

Prosecutors seek prison terms for accused in gold coin heist

BERLIN (AP)—German prosecutors are seeking lengthy prison terms for four men accused of staging the brazen theft of a 100-kilogram (221-pound) Canadian gold coin that disappeared from a Berlin museum almost three years ago.

The dpa news agency reported Monday that prosecutors have asked Berlin's region court to sentence two of the men to seven years in prison and the two others to six and five years each.

A verdict is expected next month.

Prosecutors claim the men, aged 21 to 25, stole the "Big Maple Leaf" coin worth about 3.75 million euros (\$4.33 mil-

lion) from Berlin's Bode Museum in March 2017.

German media have reported that three of the accused, 24-year-old Wayci Remmo, 20-year-old Ahmed Remmo and 22-year-old Wissam Remmo, have links to organized crime.

The fourth suspect, identified only as 20-year-old Dennis W., worked as a security guard at the museum, which is located in the heart of the German capital.

The defendants have remained silent throughout the trial. Their lawyers have denied the accusations against their clients.

The coin has not been recovered.

ber more details over time and differ in their emotional responses.

Cosby's jury ultimately returned a guilty verdict in the first big celebrity trial of the #MeToo era.

Prosecutors are now rethinking how they try sexual assault cases, especially those involving intimate partners, mentors, work friends and other potentially fraught relationships.

Through experts like Ziv, they can immediately focus the jury's attention on victim behavior and frame the way jurors hear later testimony. That approach can help prosecutors bust myths and preemptively weaken defense strategies.

"I think that makes sense. It's basically a quick education for the jury, and it's true the jury starts to see things through that lens," said Laurie Levenson, a criminal law pro-



AP
Harvey Weinstein leaves a Manhattan courthouse after a second day of jury selection for his trial on rape and sexual assault charges, Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020, in New York.

fessor at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles.

In addition to the alleged rape, Weinstein, 67, is charged with sexually assaulting another woman, Mimi Haleyi, in 2006. If convicted, he could be sentenced to life in prison.

Opening statements are expected as soon as this week, following two weeks of jury selection.

Weinstein's lead lawyer, former Chicago prosecutor Donna Rotunno, said in a pre-trial interview with Vanity Fair that while some women might have regretted having sex with the former producer, "regret sex is not rape."

She said the email correspondence between Weinstein and both women is evidence that, at the time, neither considered what happened to be a crime.

"I think a woman who is a victim of rape is going to look at that and say, 'That's not

what rape victims do.' If you were really raped, this is not what you do," she said.

Defense attorney Kathleen Bliss took similar aim at Cosby's accusers in scorching closing arguments in April 2018.

She called trial accuser Andrea Constand "a con artist" and witness Janice Dickerson, one of five other accusers to testify for the prosecution, "a failed starlet" and "aged-out model" who had seemingly "slept with every man on the planet."

Given the cultural moment, some defense lawyers question that strategy. The goal, they say, should be to discredit accusers without eviscerating them. Eviscerating them could turn off a jury.

In Weinstein's case, the task is all the more daunting. News reports about his alleged predation of scores of women—from high-profile

actresses to production assistants—launched the #MeToo movement in late 2017.

"Of course, a lawyer has to go in there and attack credibility and attack inconsistencies. It's just how you do it," said defense lawyer Brian McMonagle, who won a mistrial in the first Cosby trial when the jury deadlocked. "There's a way to do it without being despicable."

Traditionally, prosecutors call trial experts toward the end of their case to try to repair any damage done to their witnesses. But in sex assault cases, that may be tough to do once jurors form opinions.

"One of the big differences (at the Cosby retrial) was using the victim expert early in the trial. I think that served to help educate the jury on rape myths and victim behavior," said Kevin Steele, the suburban Philadelphia district attorney who oversaw both Cosby prosecutions.

The practice isn't limited to the courtroom.

Experts and victims are also working with police to help them understand victim behavior. They can have the same misconceptions as juries, said former prosecutor Kristen Feden, who gave closing arguments in Cosby's retrial and now represents sex assault victims in private practice. The police training, she said, "certainly changes the way they investigate."

Man with history of cheating is caught on 'hook-up' sites

DEAR ABBY: I just found out my husband of 18 years has been going to "hook-up" websites. He says he was just looking at the pictures, but I don't believe him. I have caught him cheating twice in the past, so it's hard to trust him.

My problem is, he knows I can't leave him because I have no job, no skills, no money—nothing. I went right from my parents' house to living with him after our wedding. We have six kids and one on the way. He will continue to go to these websites because he knows I am stuck. What should I do?

SOON-TO-BE MOTHER OF SEVEN

DEAR SOON-TO-BE MOTHER OF SEVEN: The first thing you should do is see your doctor and be checked for STDs. If you are well, thank your higher power. If you aren't, get treatment, get well and talk to a lawyer. Your situation may not be as hopeless as you think.

Have you any relatives or friends you can stay with when you leave, change your life and become self-supporting? It may require job training and time, but please consider it.

I doubt your husband will have much time for philandering if he has six kids to take care of by himself in addition to his job. I also doubt that few, if any, women he might be hooking up with would welcome becoming the instant mother of six. And one more thing, from now on, please use birth control.

DEAR ABBY: I have been divorced for 30 years. During this time, my ex-wife has rarely spoken to me, and in the last 10 years said not one word to me. There have been many occasions and events at my son's home to celebrate my granddaughter's birthday, etc. My ex and many other people attend, but basically, no one speaks to me. I am totally ignored.

I have a strong hunch that during the divorce my ex told people I hit or abused her. (Not true!) She told my sister something to this effect. I believe it was a ploy to distract from the fact she had been cheating on me. Regardless, this situation is extremely hurtful and unpleasant. Any ideas how to deal with this?

OSTRACIZED AND PARALYZED

DEAR O. & P.: Have you tried to initiate a conversation? Have you asked these people why they give you the silent treatment? They're fair questions.

After 30 years, it is a little late to correct the mindset your ex may have caused these relatives to have about you. But if at this late date you try to spread the word that she was cheating, it will accomplish nothing positive, and I don't advise it.

P.S. If the silence continues, then I recommend you bring someone—a friend or a date—with you to these gatherings. At least you will have someone to talk to.

DEAR ABBY: I have an acquaintance I see occasionally. He

DEAR ABBY

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recently told me he is getting married. When I congratulated him, I wanted to ask who the lucky groom is because I have often thought he was gay, but I found out he's marrying a woman. What's the appropriate way to ask this question nowadays since all of us can marry, I am happy to say.

PONDERING IN NEVADA

DEAR PONDERING: A subtle way to ask that question would be, "Congratulations! What's your lucky fiance's (-ee's) name?"

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

Calvin, would you please demonstrate the homework problem you were assigned yesterday?

I wasn't here yesterday.

Yes, you were, Calvin. Didn't you do your problem?

I'm not Calvin. I'm duplicate number five. Duplicate two was here yesterday, not me. We're all taking turns. Number two will be back next week, and you can ask him to do the problem then.

Look, I don't see what's so hard about this!

By Bill Waterson

Garfield®

AROOOOOOOOOO!!!

WE'RE SUPPOSED TO APPLAUD

By Jim Davis

Adam@home

THANK YOU FOR COMING TO "CLAYTON NEWMAN: STREET MAGICIAN!"

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

I THOUGHT THE RAD NEW LOOK WOULD GET MORE APPLAUSE.

IT'D BE MORE RAD IF THOSE WEREN'T MY "MY LITTLE PONY" TATTOOS.

By Bryan Basset

The Duplex

ELVIN, THE GIRL DOWN THE BAR SAYS NO HER NUMBER, BUT I CAN'T MAKE IT OUT.

IT'S NOT A NUMBER. IT SAYS "GET LOST, LOSER!"

OH WELL, MAYBE SHE DOESN'T HAVE A PHONE.

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Field yield

5 "Downton Abbey" channel

8 Calf-length

12 Tow

13 Historic time

14 Physics bit

15 "You're on!"

17 Answer an invite

18 Tabby's temptation

19 Flared skirts

21 Before

22 Show-room sample

23 Here, in Dijon

26 Sample

28 Borders on

31 Cracker name

33 Dine

35 Unrepaired

36 Malia's sister

38 "Top Gun" target

40 "Mangia!"

41 Leslie Caron role

43 Officer

45 Chiseled

47 Sailor's assent

51 On the Baltic, say

52 "Piece of cake!"

54 Carpet type

55 Approves

56 Business abbr.

57 Trendy low-carb diet

58 As well

59 Hostels

DOWN

1 Swank

2 Pro —

3 Expel

4 Runway model?

5 Eyes, slangily

6 Bikini top

7 Leafy lunch

8 Xylophone cousin

9 "I give up!"

10 Cote cooer

11 Rapsca-lions

16 Grime

20 Meadow

23 Apr. addressee

24 Spy org.

25 "Two thumbs up!"

27 "De-lish!"

29 — Maria (coffee liqueur)

30 Bygone jet

32 Pasternak hero

34 Spanish artist

37 Bio stat

39 Spanish artist

42 Knucklehead

44 Joe of "The Irishman"

45 Barrel

46 Tennis champ

48 Arthur

49 Knitter's need

50 "House" actor

53 Ring decision

Solution time: 23 mins.

Yesterday's answer 1-22

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Beverly Mitchell, 39; Balthazar Getty, 45; Guy Fieri, 52; Diane Lane, 55.

Happy Birthday: Work diligently toward a goal. Worry less about what others are doing or the changes going on around you, and concentrate more on what you are trying to achieve. Meddling and interference will eat up valuable time that should be spent making progress. Help only those who are willing to give you as much back in return. Your numbers are 4, 11, 24, 28, 34, 41, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Be more observant, and you'll recognize that you don't have to face or do things on your own. You've gained more respect and admiration than you realize. Take a deep breath, don't overreact and be willing to accept help. **

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The less you talk, the better. Discussions will lead to confusion and uncertainty. Stay focused on what you want to achieve, and keep the momentum going until you reach your destination. Praise will be yours for what you complete, not what you say. *****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take one thing at a time. If you overload your to-do list, you'll end up falling short. A good idea is apparent, but if you don't follow through, it will become worthless. Make what you say and do count. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Follow the path that feels most comfortable. Don't feel you have to follow what someone else does when you genuinely have your own ideas and

ways to do things. Don't forgo feeling the passion, latch on to something that moves you. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Speak up if you think someone is neglecting to tell you the truth or is leaving out an important fact. Your effort will not go unnoticed, and the outcome will bring about an unexpected but rewarding change. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't let anger and frustration take over when patience and understanding are what's required. Add your personal touch to whatever you are doing, and don't allow the changes others make interfere with your plans. Personal improvement and romance are encouraged. *****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get in touch with someone you haven't seen in some time, and you will open an unexpected window of opportunity. Decisions can be made that will change your life if you put in the effort to pursue your dreams. **

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): What you think and what's happening will differ. Don't act on an assumption. Do the legwork required to get to the bottom of any situation you face. Making personal improvements, honing skills and following your heart are favored. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be persistent when dealing with someone using the power of persuasion and little white lies to lure you into something that's not beneficial to you. Make what you want very clear, and don't settle for less. Anger solves nothing. ***

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THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll be sensitive to what's going on around you. Don't set yourself up for disappointment. Set your goals, stick to your plans and refuse to let outside influences stand between you and your destination. Maintain a position of strength. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Challenge yourself mentally, and you'll come up with a plan that will help you get ahead. An offer someone makes will be tempting, but investing in yourself is a better option. Why make someone else's dream come true? Do your own thing. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Stop worrying about what someone is doing, and put your energy into what you are trying to accomplish. Let the past be a lesson that will help you overrule a distraction. Focus on self-improvement, not trying to change others. ***

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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

Difficulty Level ★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

4	1	5	8	2	9	7	3	6
8	7	2	6	4	3	5	9	1
9	6	3	5	7	1	4	8	2
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2	9	7	1	3	4	6	5	8
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WONDERWORD By DAVID CUELLET

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Tatum scores 27 as Celtics pound Lakers, 139-107



BOSTON (AP)—Kemba Walker scored 20 points to end a career-long personal losing streak against LeBron James, and Jayson Tatum scored 27 to lead the Boston Celtics past the Los Angeles Lakers 139-107 on Monday night and send the top team in the Western Conference to its biggest loss of the season.

Jaylen Brown scored 20 points and Enes Kanter had 18 points and 11 rebounds for Boston, which snapped a three-game losing streak. The Celtics gave up the first eight points of the game but turned things around when Anthony Davis, playing for the first time in almost two weeks, went to the bench with a pair of fouls 49 seconds apart early in the first quarter.

James had 15 points and 13 assists for the Lakers, who had won 10 of their previous 11 games. But the Celtics made 13 of their first 22 3-point attempts to open 103-75 lead in the third quarter — the biggest against Los Angeles all season until Boston made it a 34-point game in the fourth.

76ers 117, Nets 111

In New York, Ben Simmons tied a career high with 34 points and added 12 rebounds and 12 assists, carrying Philadelphia to the victory.

Announced as the Eastern Conference player of the week during the game, Simmons got a good start on winning the next week's award, too. He shot 12 for 14 from the field in his career-best fifth straight game with 20 or more points, finishing with his fourth triple-double of the season.

Al Horford added 19 points for the 76ers, who won their fourth consecutive game.

Spencer Dinwiddie scored 22 points for the Nets, who played without Kyrie Irving because of hamstring tightness and lost their fourth straight. Caris LeVert had 16 points and rookie Nicolas Claxton added a career-best 15.

Bucks 111, Bulls 98

In Milwaukee, Giannis Antetokounmpo had a triple-double and scored his 10,000th career point, and the Bucks beat the Bulls to sweep the four-game season series.

Antetokounmpo had 28 points, 14 rebounds and 10 assists for his fourth triple-double of the season. He reached 10,000 points on a jump hook with 4:30 remaining in the fourth.

Khris Middleton added 24 points for Milwaukee, which has won 10 consecutive games over the Bulls dating to the 2017-18 season.



AP
Boston Celtics guard Kemba Walker (8) drives to the basket past Los Angeles Lakers guard Kentavious Caldwell-Pope (1) during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Boston, Monday, Jan. 20, 2020.

The Bucks earned their seventh consecutive win, running their league-best record to 39-6.

Zach LaVine had 24 points for Chicago, which shot just 37% from the field.

Thunder 112, Rockets 107

In Houston, Chris Paul scored 28 points, Danilo Gallinari had 25 and Oklahoma City rallied for the road win.

Paul scored 27 in the first half against his former team. Gallinari and Dennis Schroder, who scored 17 of his 23 points after halftime, carried the Thunder after the break.

Houston star Russell Westbrook had 32 points, 12 assists and 11 rebounds against his former team. James Harden scored 29 points but was astonishingly inefficient, making 1 of 17 3-point attempts.

The Rockets have dropped a season-high four in a row.

Jazz 118, Pacers 88

In Salt Lake City, Donovan Mitchell scored 25 points and Rudy Gobert had 20 points and 14 rebounds, leading Utah to the runaway victory.

Bojan Bogdanovic added 16 points for the Jazz. Utah never trailed on its way to snapping a three-game losing streak to the Pacers.

The Jazz shot 54% from the field, scored 60 points in the paint and finished with a 53-30 advantage in rebounds.

Myles Turner and Aaron Holiday scored 12 points apiece for Indiana.

Nuggets 107, Timberwolves 100

In Minneapolis, Michael Por-

ter Jr. posted his second double-double in three games with 20 points and 14 rebounds, helping the short-handed Nuggets to the road win.

Jerami Grant scored 19 points for the Nuggets, who again had three of their top five scorers absent — Jamal Murray, Paul Millsap and Gary Harris Jr. — and were playing on back-to-back nights. Nikola Jokic had 17 points and 13 rebounds.

Karl-Anthony Towns outplayed his rival Jokic with 28 points and eight rebounds and reserve Josh Okogie added 16 points, but Minnesota dropped its sixth straight game.

Heat 118, Kings 113, OT

In Miami, Kendrick Nunn scored 25 points, James Johnson added 22 on 9-for-11 shooting and Miami improved its NBA-best home record to 19-1.

Goran Dragic scored 18 and Bam Adebayo finished with 16 points and 11 rebounds for the Heat, who also lead the NBA with a 7-0 overtime record this season.

Sacramento had a chance to tie the game after a turnover with about a minute left, but Johnson blocked Bogdan Bogdanovic's 3-point try and Nunn sealed the win with a pair of free throws.

Nemanja Bjelica scored 22 points for Sacramento, which is 2-16 in its last 18 trips to Miami. Buddy Hield had 20 points.

Pelicans 126, Grizzlies 116

In Memphis, Tenn., Jrue Holi-

day matched his season high with 36 points in his return after a seven-game absence, and the Pelicans set a franchise record with 21 3-pointers.

New Orleans ended Memphis' seven-game winning streak.

Holiday, who hadn't played since Jan. 4 because of a left elbow strain, went 12 for 18 from the field, including 7 of 10 from 3-point range. Brandon Ingram scored 25 points and Nicolo Melli added 15, including a trio of 3-pointers.

Dillon Brooks led Memphis, matching his season high with 31 points. Jaren Jackson Jr. scored 19 points and Ja Morant had 16 points and nine assists.

Spurs 120, Suns 118

In Phoenix, Derrick White scored a season-high 25 points, Bryn Forbes added 24 and the Spurs coughed up a 20-point lead in the second half before rallying for the win.

San Antonio led 78-58 midway through the third quarter and 96-83 going into the fourth, but Phoenix chipped away. Suns center Deandre Ayton made two free throws with 3:55 left that tied it 108-all. Ricky Rubio hit a layup while drawing a foul, adding the free throw to push the Suns ahead for the first time at 113-111 with 2:55 left.

Forbes hit his eighth 3-pointer with 2:33 remaining to put the Spurs back up 114-113.

Devin Booker led the Suns with 37 points. He had 22 during the third quarter in a nearly single-handed effort to keep Phoenix close.

Wizards 106, Pistons 100

In Washington, Bradley Beal scored 29 points and Ian Mahinmi added 21, helping Washington snap a three-game losing streak.

Beal passed Wes Unseld for fourth place on the team's career scoring list.

Derrick Rose led Detroit with 21 points, and Andre Drummond had 18 points and 16 rebounds. The Pistons were trying to three games in a row for the first time this season.

Washington scored nine straight points to go up 95-87 with 7:06 to play.

Raptors 122, Hawks 117

In Atlanta, Norman Powell scored 27 points for Toronto, including 17 in the final period.

Toronto led 112-91 before surviving a late comeback by the Hawks, who pulled within two points at 117-115. Fred VanVleet, who had 20 points, sank three free throws with 14.2 seconds remaining after he was fouled by John Collins, pushing the lead to five points.

Trae Young had 42 points and 15 assists for Atlanta. Young's four-point play cut Toronto's lead to 114-107 with 1:39 remaining. Collins' layup cut the deficit to two points.

Powell has scored 20 or more points in five straight games. Toronto earned its fourth straight win.

Knicks 106, Cavaliers 86

In Cleveland, Marcus Morris Sr. and Julius Randle each scored 19 points, powering the Knicks to the road win.

New York took over in the third quarter, outscoring Cleveland 30-14. The Knicks led 79-64 going into the fourth and pushed the margin to 21 in the final minutes.

The Cavaliers shot a season-low 34% and scored 36 points in the second half. Cleveland, coming off a six-game trip, has lost five in a row and 10 of 12.

Tristan Thompson had 22 rebounds and 13 points for Cleveland.

Magic 106, Hornets 83

In Charlotte, N.C., Evan Fournier scored 26 points and Orlando handed Charlotte its seventh consecutive loss.

Nikola Vucevic had 24 points and 10 rebounds for Orlando, which closed out a six-game trip with a 3-3 record. Terrence Ross added 19 points.

The Magic shot 14 for 28 from 3-point range. Fournier made six 3s and Ross finished with five.

Malik Monk scored 20 points and P.J. Washington had 19 for the Hornets, who have not won since Jan. 4.

Trail Blazers 129, Warriors 124

In Portland, Ore., Damian Lillard set a franchise record with 61 points, including a career-best 11 3-pointers, and the short-handed Portland Trail Blazers outlasted the equally depleted Golden State Warriors in overtime Monday night.

Lillard's previous career high was 60 points earlier this season against Brooklyn. His 11 3-pointers were also a team record.

It was the seventh regular-season game of Lillard's career with more than 50 points. He also had 10 rebounds for his 10th double-double of the season.

Hassan Whiteside added 17 points and 21 rebounds for the Blazers, who snapped a two-game skid.

The Blazers trailed by 12 in the third quarter but clawed back in the fourth. Lillard's layup and free throw gave Portland a 110-109 lead with 2:26 left, but rookie Eric Paschall dunked to give the lead back to Golden State with less than a minute to go.

Alec Burks added a pair of free throws for the Warriors to extend the lead, but Lillard made a 3 tied it with 14.9 seconds left, and the game went to overtime.

After cashing in on QB gambles, Niners, Chiefs in Super Bowl

By **EDDIE PELLIS**
AP NATIONAL WRITER

A little more than two years ago, a pair of teams gambled on quarterbacks who had all kinds of potential but were far from a sure thing.

Both teams guessed right.

The Kansas City Chiefs will meet the San Francisco 49ers in the Super Bowl on Feb. 2 in Miami. Oddsmakers opened the line at pick 'em in a title game featuring one franchise, the Niners, trying to



win a record-tying sixth Lombardi Trophy against another, the Chiefs, making their first appearance in the big game in 50 years.

Their quarterbacks: Patrick Mahomes (KC) and Jimmy Garoppolo (SF).

Mahomes, whose gaudy college stats (his 5,052 passing yards led the country in 2016) were a byproduct of playing at pass-happy Texas Tech, was generally viewed as no better than the second-best quarterback in a 2017 draft that wasn't considered strong on quarterbacks to begin with.

Chiefs coach Andy Reid disagreed. He gave up a first-round pick in the following year's draft to move up to select Mahomes in 2017. Now, in his third season, Mahomes is a Super Bowl quarterback. He has 11 postseason touchdown passes, not a single interception, and has even led the Chiefs in rushing the last two weeks. With its 35-24 win over Tennessee on Sunday in the AFC title game, Kansas City became the first team in NFL history to go from trailing by double digits to winning by double digits in consecutive playoff games.

"Everybody liked this guy," Reid said, in 2017, about the reaction from the Kansas City front office and scout-

ing department after they'd spent time with Mahomes in advance of the draft. "Everybody fell in love with the kid and how he went about his business and how he played. That's not something that happens every year."

Garoppolo, a second-round pick by the Patriots in 2014, was considered the quarterback-in-waiting in New England, despite a limited resume as Tom Brady's backup. But with the Patriots not ready to part ways with their franchise cornerstone, and with Garoppolo's contract running out, the quarterback became expendable. San Francisco acquired him in the middle of the 2017 season for a second-round pick.

Garoppolo won his first five starts in San Francisco and, before the season was out, he had a five-year contract extension that, at the time, included the highest average yearly salary in NFL history.

"When you find the right guy at that position, it's really good for your franchise," Niners GM John Lynch said, not long after the trade.

Though Garoppolo's 102 passer rating this season was only 3.3 points less than Mahomes', San Francisco doesn't depend on its franchise QB the way Kansas City does.

Exhibit A: Garoppolo threw only eight passes and totaled only 77 yards in San Francisco's 37-20 win over Green Bay in the NFC title game Sunday. He is helped by a bruising running game recently anchored by Raheem Mostert (220 yards and four TDs on Sunday). And the Niners have found a game-wrecking defensive end in rookie Nick Bosa. The second pick in the 2019 draft had a sack Sunday to go with the nine he recorded



Green Bay Packers wide receiver Allen Lazard (13) falls to the ground between San Francisco 49ers free safety Jimmie Ward (20) and Emmanuel Moseley during the first half of the NFL NFC Championship football game Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020, in Santa Clara, Calif.

over the regular season to fuel a defense that gave up the fewest passing yards this season.

It all helped the 49ers return to the Super Bowl for the first time since Colin Kaepernick took them in 2013. The departure of coach Jim Harbaugh and Kaepernick's kneeling saga ushered in a period of instability. It included a carousel of four head coaches in four years that finally settled when Kyle Shanahan — the son of two-time Super Bowl winning coach Mike Shanahan — got the job in 2017 and soon was joined by Garoppolo.

But when it comes to Super Bowl droughts — outside of the Jets and a handful of teams who have never been, nobody has waited longer to get to the title game than the Chiefs.

The team that lost to Green Bay in the very first Super Bowl, returned three years after that, in 1970, to win its first NFL championship. The Chiefs had their ups and downs in the decades since. The stat that stuck out the most was their 3-8 home playoff record since that victory over the Vikings in 1970 that marked the last game before the NFL and its old rival, the AFL, officially merged and began playing as a single league the next season.

Now, in a season filled with celebrations for the 100th anniversary of the NFL, the Chiefs are back, coached by Reid, whose 14 postseason wins compiled over 20 seasons do not include a 'W' in the biggest game of all.

Could the quarterback he took a chance on — a nimble-footed, strong-armed, next-generation talent — be the one to finally put him over the top?

Garoppolo, to say nothing of San Francisco's running game and its top-ranked pass defense, will have plenty to say about that two weeks from now.



GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP)—The 2019 season for the Green Bay Packers marked

the dawn of a new era.

Matt LaFleur took over and won more games than any first-year coach in franchise history.

The final result again fell short of the Packers' goal of winning it all, but this time it had a different feeling, according to Aaron Rodgers.

The two-time MVP was on the losing end of the NFC championship game in his third consecutive appearance.

There was the overtime loss at Seattle in the title game in the 2014 season, the 23-point rout at Atlanta in the conference championship in the 2016 season and Sunday's 37-20 defeat to the Super Bowl-bound 49ers.

Aaron Rodgers says 'window's open' on another title run

But the 36-year-old Rodgers said the latest loss isn't like the others.

"It's a lot different feel," he said Sunday night. "I remember in those moments the emotion compared to this. I feel really confident in (general manager) Brian (Gutekunst) and the job that he's done and his staff. They did go all-in — as much as they could — this year and the pieces that they brought in. I'm confident that he's going to continue to add to this squad. So, that part is very exciting. It is a lot different feel than three years ago."

Gutekunst spent big on the defense in free agency last March. The second-year general manager acquired pass rushers Za'Darius Smith and Preston Smith and veteran safety Adrian Amos. The Pack-

ers also used both of their 2019 first-round picks on defenders (outside linebacker Rashan Gary at No. 12 and safety Darnell Savage at No. 21).

Both Smiths invigorated the defense and revitalized themselves, as each had a career high in sacks (Za'Darius, 13 1/2; Preston, 12).

But after being a large reason why Green Bay was 13-3 this season, swept its division and finished as the No. 2 seed in the NFC, that same re-tooled unit was largely to blame for Sunday's loss because of its inability to stop the run.

The Packers' leaky run defense, which was in the bottom third of the league for most of the season, allowed 220 yards and four touchdowns to Raheem Mostert, a running back who had been cut seven times

in his career.

NEW OFFENSE

LaFleur brought with him an entirely new offense that showed flashes of brilliance but struggled to find consistency all season. However, it did uncover a gem in Aaron Jones, who had the most productive season of his young career.

The third-year running back had career highs in carries (236), rushing yards (1,084) and total touchdowns (19). Jones also had 49 catches, second on the team behind only Davante Adams' 83, and was Green Bay's first 1,000-yard rusher since Eddie Lacy in 2014.

But outside of Jones and Adams, there wasn't much offensive production, which begs the question: After re-

shaping the defense last offseason, will Gutekunst have to spend this offseason finding a dynamic playmaker or two to add to LaFleur's offense?

"The scheme is there. The scheme and what Matt and his staff put together every week was fantastic," Rodgers said. "The execution and the moving pieces will continue to improve. Like I said, the window's open and I think we're going to be on the right side of one of these real soon."

Green Bay has the 30th pick in this year's draft.

PLENTY OF QUESTIONS

The Packers have a number of unrestricted free agents they will have to make difficult decisions regarding, including defensive back Tramon

Williams and veteran right tackle Bryan Bulaga, who has protected Rodgers' right side since 2010.

"This is my last year and we'll see what happens," Bulaga said. "I don't have any predictions or anything like that. I don't know what's going to happen. So, we'll see."

Balaga, 30, and Williams, 36, are two of only four players remaining from Green Bay's Super Bowl-winning team in the 2010 season.

Other notable unrestricted free agents include outside linebacker Kyler Fackrell (10 1/2 sacks in 2018), inside linebacker Blake Martinez (team-high 155 tackles in 2019, second in the NFL behind Bobby Wagner's 159), wide receiver Geronimo Allison, 35-year-old tight end Mercedes Lewis and 35-year-old kicker Mason Crosby.

Sharapova can't say what's next after Australian Open loss

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)—Her Grand Slam losing streak up to four matches, Maria Sharapova surely was aware questions about her future would be coming.

She wasn't able to provide answers.

Might this have been her last trip to the Australian Open, a tournament she won in 2008 as part of a career Grand Slam?

"I don't know," Sharapova said, her head shaking and eyes looking down. "I don't know. ... It's tough for me to tell what's going to happen in 12 months' time."

Might she try to enter low-level tournaments to try to raise a WTA ranking that once was No. 1, all those years ago, already was only 145th entering play at Melbourne Park—which is why she needed a wild-card invitation to participate—and now will tumble outside of the top 350 following a 6-3, 6-4 loss to Donna Vekic on Tuesday?

"I just don't know," Sharapova said. "I haven't thought of my schedule moving forward from here yet."

After a rainy Day 1 that filled up Tuesday's schedule with 96 matches, up to seven on some courts, the sun was out and there was plenty of action around the grounds at the first Grand Slam tournament of the decade. Joining Sharapova on the way out in early action was three-time major semifinalist Johanna Konta, 2019 French Open semifinal Amanda Anisimova and the 20th-seeded man, Felix Auger-Aliassime.

Seeded winners included No. 1 Rafael Nadal, who be-



AP Russia's Maria Sharapova makes a forehand return to Croatia's Donna Vekic during their first round singles match at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne, Australia, Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020.

gan his bid to equal Roger Federer's record of 20 Grand Slam singles titles with a 6-2, 6-3, 6-0 victory over Hugo Dellien, three-time major champion Stan Wawrinka, two-time French Open runner-up Dominic Thiem, No. 12 Fabio Fognini and No. 16 Karen Khachanov.

Among those slated to play at night: U.S. Open runner-up Daniil Medvedev against 2019 Australian Open quarter-finalist Frances Tiafoe of the U.S., and volatile Australian Nick Kyrgios.

This is the only time in Sharapova's long career that the 32-year-old Russian has lost in the first round at three consecutive major tournaments.

Indeed, there only was one other instance of Sharapova dropping opening matches at Slams twice in a row: All the way back in 2003, when she was a teen and made immediate exits at the very first two major appearances of her career.

Hampered by right shoulder problems that have been an off-and-on issue for more than a decade, Sharapova is no longer the player she once was. One difficulty is simply that shoulder itself; another is the lack of match play because of her health.

She played a total of only 15 matches last season, going 8-7.

After a promising run to the fourth round in Melbourne a year ago, including a victory over reigning champion Caroline Wozniacki that was her most recent win against a top-20 opponent, Sharapova went 5-6 the rest of 2019.

"It's tough to say I'm on the right track right now, 45 minutes after the match," she said Tuesday. "But, I mean, there is no way to get out of it except to keep believing in yourself, because if you do do all the right things and you don't believe in yourself, then that's probably a bad formula."

Against the 19th-seeded Ve-

kic, who's never been past the second round at the Australian Open, Sharapova appeared to be righting herself at the outset of the second set, grabbing a 4-1 lead, before ceding the final five games.

"She's still hitting it as hard as I can remember," Vekic said. Perhaps. But Sharapova was not putting the ball where she wanted, especially on her forehand side, which produced 18 miscues alone -- more than Vekic's full unforced error total of 17.

"She had some amazing results in her career. You know, her work ethic is pretty amazing. I saw her training in the offseason and she's really working hard," said Vekic,

who practiced with Sharapova before the start of the season. "So I think her results will come."

Maybe they will.

Maybe not.

No one can know, of course. That includes Sharapova herself.

"As far as the work that I did, yeah, I did all the right things. I put in all the right work. There is no guarantee that even when you do all of those things, that you're guaranteed victory in a first round or in the third round or in the final. That's the name of this game," she said. "That's why it's so special to be a champion, even for one time."

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)—Everyone had the same question when the Australian Open draw was revealed: What were the odds that Coco Gauff and Venus Williams would face each other again in the first round at a Grand Slam tournament?

"I was a bit shocked," Gauff said, "I'm sure everyone was a bit shocked."

Gauff, 15, played Williams, 39, to begin her first appearance in the main draw at Melbourne Park, just like they matched up to start things off at Wimbledon about six months ago. And, just like at the All England Club, the youngest woman in the field got the better of the oldest woman in the field, with Gauff beating Williams 7-6 (5), 6-3 on Monday.

"I definitely was more confident this time. I think I was used to playing on big courts, so the crowd—I guess the size of the crowd didn't startle me as much as last time," Gauff said.

Coco tops Venus at Australian Open

"Definitely a bit more positive coming into this match."

It was the most anticipated contest of Day 1 at the first major tennis tournament of the decade, and it did not disappoint. The first set, in particular, was intriguing, with Gauff repeatedly pulling ahead, only to have Williams—who already had won four of her seven Grand Slam singles trophies by the time her foe was born—rebuff her.

It wasn't until her fourth set point that Gauff finally pulled it out. She quickly grabbed a 3-0 lead in the second and never let that edge go.

Gauff already has demonstrated all sorts of terrific qualities on a tennis court, from her big, gutsy serves to an ability to track down opponents' shots. Now you can add stick-to-it-iveness to the list.

The match was held in Margaret Court Arena, one

of three stadiums with a retractable roof, and that was a good thing. The air quality was fine, but a heavy storm that arrived in the afternoon suspended nine matches on outside courts in progress and postponed more than 20 others entirely, creating a jam-packed schedule for Tuesday. The start will be a half-hour earlier than usual, and three courts have seven-match programs.

Among the players who got a chance to play—and win—were Novak Djokovic, Roger Federer, 2019 semifinalist Stefanos Tsitsipas, defending women's champion Naomi Osaka, 23-time major champion Serena Williams, No. 1 Ash Barty and 2018 Australian Open winner Caroline Wozniacki, who is retiring after this tournament.

Barty got off to a rough start, dropping her opening

set, before asserting herself and coming back for a 5-7, 6-1, 6-1 victory over Lesia Tsurenko.

Serena, who is 38, did what her older sister couldn't: defeat a teen.

Other than a brief second-set blip, Serena had very little trouble getting past 18-year-old Anastasia Potapova of Russia 6-0, 6-3 to begin her latest bid for a 24th Grand Slam singles championship.

Serena took the last three games of the match, then declared with a laugh: "I started out well today. Ended well."

Her most recent major trophy came in Australia in 2017; that also had been her last title of any sort until this month, when she won a hard-court tuneup in Auckland, New Zealand.

Gauff beamed Monday while discussing a dance routine she did with Serena that

went viral on social media.

There were laughs about her love of TikTok and her self-deprecating discussion of a propensity for procrastination when it comes to schoolwork.

She is, after all, still just a 15-year-old.

One with lofty goals, though.

"I mean, my mission is to be the greatest. That's my goal, to win as many Grand Slams as possible. But for today, my mission was to win," said Gauff, whose good friend and doubles partner, 18-year-old American qualifier Caty McNally, upset 2011 U.S. Open champion Sam Stosur of Australia 6-1, 6-4 at night.

Another past champion at Flushing Meadows, Sloane Stephens, bowed out, too, beaten by Zhang Shuai 2-6, 7-5, 6-2.

Earlier, Gauff and Venus Williams combined for far more unforced errors, 71,

than winners, 42.

One key was that Williams ended up with 41 of those miscues, 11 more than Gauff.

Another was that Williams, long one of the most feared servers on tour, was outdone in that category by her opponent on this day. Not only did Gauff face only two break points, saving one, but she often came up with the goods at the most crucial moments, pounding an ace at 115 mph, say, or hitting a risky second serve at a high velocity to the perfect spot to draw a no-good return.

All the while, Gauff was not shy about celebrating the biggest of points with a loud "Come on!" and a series of fist pumps.

Otherwise, she had her game face on, betraying little emotion, including when she walked out onto the court with earbuds in place after getting a pre-match peck on the cheek from her father, Corey, who also serves as Gauff's coach.

When it comes to unanimous Hall picks, Jeter could be No. 2

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NEW YORK (AP)—When it comes to unanimous picks for baseball's Hall of Fame, Derek Jeter quite appropriately has the chance to be No. 2.

Yankees closer Mariano Rivera became the first player to appear on every ballot when he swept 425 votes in last year's election. Ken Griffey Jr. was three votes short perfection in 2016, breaking the mark of five shy that had been held since 1992 by Tom Seaver.

Bill Madden, the longtime New York Daily News baseball writer, said attitudes had changed and Rivera's performance could lead to more

100% results from the Baseball Writers' Association of America, whose 2020 votes are announced Tuesday.

"Nobody wants to be branded or held accountable on social media if they're not voting for an obvious selection," Madden said Monday. "I could see people's lives being threatened if they didn't vote for Derek Jeter."

Jeter was picked by all 210 voters tabulated through late Monday evening by Ryan Thibodaux's Hall of Fame vote tracker, about half the expected ballots. A 14-time All-Star shortstop who hit .310, Jeter led New York to five World Series titles and

captained the Yankees for his final 11 1/2 seasons. New York retired No. 2 in his honor, but Jeter has struggled for success



in his post-playing days as CEO of the of the Miami Marlins.

Larry Walker, who hit 383 homers in a career boosted by nearly a decade of home games in the launching pad of Denver's Coors Field, was at 175 (83.3%). Curt Schilling, a three-time World Series champion for Arizona and Boston, was next at 166 (79%). While Walker and Schilling were thus far above the 75% threshold needed for election, percentages usually decline among the non-public ballots.

Attitudes have changed since the initial Hall vote in 1936, when Ty Cobb was left off four ballots, Babe Ruth and Honus Wagner were omitted from 11, Christy Mathewson from 21 and Walter Johnson from 37.

Joe DiMaggio received one vote in 1945 after the second of three seasons he missed while serving in the U.S. Army Air Forces, fell short in his first two ballot appearances after retirement and was elected in



In this Sept. 25, 2014, file photo, New York Yankees' Derek Jeter jumps after hitting the game-winning single against the Baltimore Orioles in the ninth inning of a baseball game, in New York.

1955, when 28 voters left him off. Yogi Berra was elected in his second appearance in 1972 after missing by 28 votes in his first try. Willie Mays was deemed unworthy by 23 voters when he was elected in

1979, and 52 bypassed Sandy Koufax when he was voted to the Hall in 1972.

John Thorn, Major League Baseball's official historian, called last year's election a precedent.

"Mariano was the very best at what he did. Derek Jeter will not be the very best at what he did," Thorn said. "The meaningfulness of Mariano achieving unanimity just testifies to a herd mentality."

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with the Gov. Froilan Tenorio Saipan Beach Pathway as the run course. The traffic light across Bank of Guam in Garapan is the turnaround point for the run.

Castro is inviting the running and swimming community to take part in this weekend's 5th Aquathlon & 10KM Run.

"I am inviting the community especially those preparing for marathon and Tagaman triathlon this March to join this event on Sunday, registration online is free by visiting our website at triathlonnmi.org event page," he said.

The 5th Aquathlon & 10KM Run is sponsored by Marianas Visitors Authority and Kanoa Resort. Last year, the 4th Aquathlon & 10KM Run attracted around 70 participants.

Castro said the 5th Aquathlon & 10KM Run is the sec-

ond leg of their series leading up to the 2020 Tagaman Triathlon. The first was their Duathlon event held last Dec. 21 in Paupau Beach. The last of the series will be the Sprint Triathlon set for Feb. 29 that would involve a 750m swim, 20-km bike, and 5km run.

Last year, Isaiah Aleksenko topped the Aquathlon with a time of 44:28.7, topping a field of 25. Emily Northrop was the first among 10 women competitors, crossing the finish line in 46:05. In the mixed relay, J&K was the lone team that entered and came in with a time of 55:08.7.

In the 10K run, Kaylee Heath made short work of the course with a time of 41:02.8, besting 40 other runners. The first male to complete the race was Kosuke Sato (41:58.8).

For more information on the 5th Aquathlon & 10KM Run, point your browsers to triathlonnmi.org.

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ternationale de Volleyball.

As part of its plans for 2020, Peterka said NMIVA will continue to provide support to the Public School System, through PSS Student Support Services Athletic Program director Nick Gross, and to two burgeoning volleyball clubs, namely Saipan Volley and the NMC Volleyball Club.

"Currently, NMIVA is relying mostly on clubs that are slowly forming, so we're not really hosting events directly. We are also working very closely with Nick Gross and PSS to grow our sport at the grassroots again," she said.

The local volleyball association is also looking to shore up its ranks of officials and is planning to enter into a contract with the FIVB for a short-term contract with a high-performance coach in the coming months.

"We are trying to continue to grow our referees and technical officials. We will see our

high-performance coach set up our national teams' structure between now and June," Peterka said.

On facilities, the NMIVA head said they will be relocating one of the beach courts at the Hyatt Regency Saipan due to sand erosion from shifting tides.

In her capacity as a board member of the Northern Marianas Sports Association, Peterka said she also writes grants to Fédération Internationale du Sport Universitaire to support capacity building for sports development. She said one the grants she's working on include volleyball and a couple of other sports.

FISU is responsible for the organization and governance of worldwide sports competitions for student-athletes between the ages of 17 and 28.

Aside from Peterka, NMIVA's other officials are Sean Frink as vice president, Mike Pai as treasurer, and Shawn Davis as secretary. NMIVA will hold an election for its new board later this year.

Beanballs, boos, lost legacy? Astros, MLB brace for fallout

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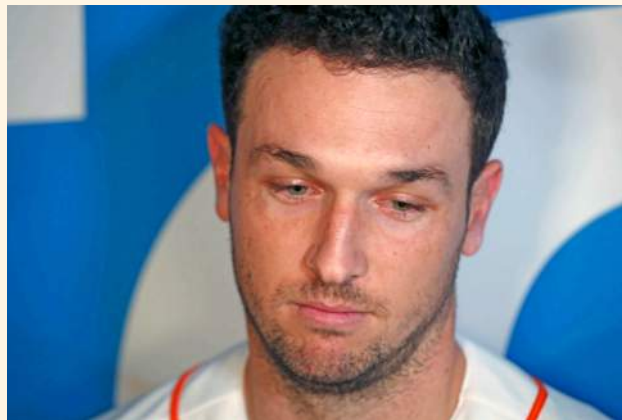
AJ Hinch, Alex Cora and Carlos Beltrán lost their jobs in the wake of the Houston Astros' sign-stealing scam, leaving three teams without managers three weeks before the start of spring training.

On and off the field, the fallout from one of the biggest scandals in Major League Baseball history is bound to carry over. A look at what's on deck for the Astros and MLB:

THE FIERS FACTOR

Whistleblower or whiner? Fact is, when A's pitcher Mike Fiers went public, MLB was forced to act. If he speaks anonymously, most likely his comments get whisked into the whispers bin.

Fiers won't have to bat against the Astros, and it'd be too obvious to punt up the first base line and try to run him over. Will Houston hoot and holler at its ex-teammate? We won't need to wait long to see if there's any ill will — the Astros' first road game of the season is at Oakland on March 30, the start of a three-game series. Count on those Athletics fans in the outfield bleachers at the Coliseum to bang their drums loudly to signal ridicule, not pitches.



Houston Astros third baseman Alex Bregman is interviewed by the media during the baseball team's FanFest at Minute Maid Park on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020, in Houston.

GETTING EVEN

Cleveland ace Mike Clevinger hinted at drilling Houston hitters. Others will, too. There was plenty of tough talk when Michael Jordan tried baseball and more when juiced-up sluggers teed off in the Steroids Era. "Can you imagine if Nolan Ryan knew you were relaying his signs? You'd probably be missing a head," Mike Piazza said last week.

So will the beanballs fly? Not likely. That kind of retaliation just isn't a big part of the game anymore. Wouldn't be a shock to see some guys hit in the ribs and backside, perhaps on those wayward curveballs that now serve as purpose pitches. But Alex Bregman & Co. are bound to hear taunts everywhere they play outside Minute Maid Park, especially when

they swing way over a slider: "Didn't know that was coming, did ya?"

THE ASTERISKS

For a century, it's been the Black Sox — no one ever calls them the 1919 White Sox. Already, the label of Houston Asterisks is drawing attention. That could last a long, long time. MLB isn't about to strip the Astros of their World Series crown and give it to the Dodgers, or take away Jose Altuve's MVP trophy and hand it to Aaron Judge. But could this affect Altuve's marketability? And how about the first Hall of Fame test case in a few years — Beltrán's resume includes nine All-Star selections, three Gold Gloves, 435 home runs, glittery postseasons and now, also, prominent mention in Commissioner Rob Man-

fred's report as a ringleader in the sign-swiping shenanigans.

Fans are usually willing to forgive someone who admits wrongdoing. Denying or stonewalling doesn't often turn out so well. Witness Pete Rose's path. Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens are shut out of Cooperstown; Mark McGwire eventually came clean and was welcomed back into the majors.

WHO'S NEXT?

A spy in the Wrigley Field scoreboard, cameras at Shea Stadium. We're certain to hear tales about past cheating schemes. Jack McDowell says Tony La Russa rigged a system with the White Sox in the 1980s. MLB put everyone on notice with these penalties and that should have an effect — for a while, anyway. Yet in this high-tech world, it'd be foolish to think someone won't try to game the system sometime.

In the meantime, will MLB change the rules on the sport's most obvious non-secret, the pine tar and other sticky substances that pitchers use to get a better grip on the ball? Maybe that's OK, shaky control in cold, damp weather doesn't benefit anyone. Remember, though, Fiers himself came under scrutiny for a shiny patch on his glove after pitching a no-hitter for the Astros against the Dodgers in 2015.



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NMIVA focuses on grassroots program



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You can say the Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association has gone back to basics by developing grassroots-level volleyball this year after enduring hardships with the onslaught of Typhoon Soudelor in 2015 and Super Typhoon Yutu in 2018.



"After seeing that we weren't going to rebound from Soudelor and compounded by Yutu and a lack of general interest in volleyball and beach volleyball administration, the NMIVA board decided to provide support to those who want to do volleyball their way, but try to help keep them conformed to FIVB regulation," said NMIVA president Laurie Peterka in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

FIVB is the international governing body for the sport and stands for Fédération Internationale de Volleyball. **See NMIVA on Page 27**

ROSELYN B. MONROY

The Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association is eyeing a more grass-roots approach in developing the sport this year, according to president Laurie Peterka. File photo shows a player setting the ball up in a recent tournament.

Working out as therapy

Ask DRE:

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Three years ago, I had a conversation with a middle-aged man who battled severe depression. With no intentions of playing doctor during our chat, I asked him, "What changed?"

"Two things. Therapy and I started working out."

This isn't an attempt to extol the benefits of exercise. Frankly, this is a story I've never shared with anyone, but given the level of ignorance people exhibit these days when it comes to health and fitness it's in good time. It's one thing to hate it. It's another thing to perpetuate the idea you don't need to exercise.

I totally get it. Being in the gym damn near everyday, I'll admit there is a degree of smugness that might come across as vain and superficial. Whether or not he had assistance from a trainer, what I hope you can take from this is that strength training extends far beyond looking good.

Q: Is walking a viable form of exercise. I'm planning on walking 30 minutes a day. Can I break that into shorter segments, like 10 minutes here, then 10 minutes after five hours, then another 10 minutes at home?

A: Daily walks are tremendous. Productivity junkies fall prey to the notion that getting in shape has to

be gritty and an all-out effort. Granted, to a degree, you do have to push yourself. You don't want to put too much stock in just one domain. However, don't discount the value of what walking can do for you. It's been well-documented that frequency is highly predictive of progress. So, if you can, break it into shorter segments.

Q: What's your take on intermittent fasting? If we do go for it, what's a good way to start?

A: Eating within an 8-hour window and fasting for 16 hours is standard in the intermittent fasting crowd. It's pretty clear in the research there are health benefits. However, if we're talking about losing weight there's nothing magical about it.

Proponents of the diet might say otherwise, but there's a lot of data to support the fact that you can lose just as much weight on a standard diet when strictly adhered to. The overarching theme is calorie restriction. If you can successfully adopt the eating pattern of the diet and it allows you to manage your overall food intake, then have at it. What needs to be strongly considered is, if it causes you to binge drink and eat, or worse, have a negative relationship with food, then you should look elsewhere.

5th Saipan Aquathlon this Sunday



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Triathlon Association of the CNMI will have its 5th Aquathlon & 10KM Run this coming Sunday, Jan. 26, starting at the Kili Pavilion in Oleai.

TRAC general secretary Ricky Castro said the Aquathlon will have splits of a 5-kilometer run, 1-km swim, and another 5-km run. Start time is 6am.

The turnaround point for the 5K run is across Monika's Gallery, while the 1K swim will be held in the waters off Kili Beach.

As an added event, a 10-kilometer run will be held coinciding with the Aquathlon



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Last year's 4th Aquathlon & 10KM Run attracted around 70 participants.